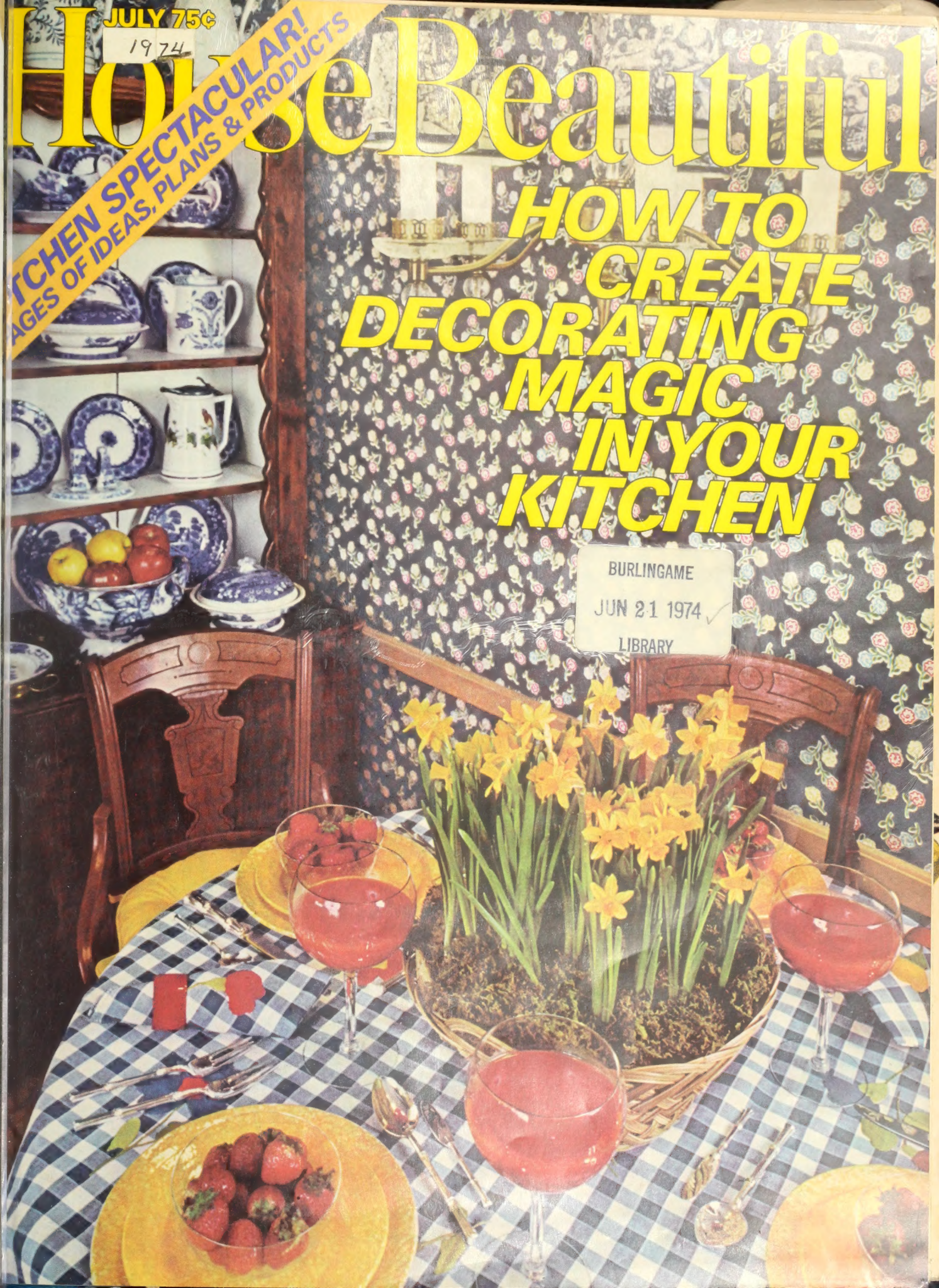

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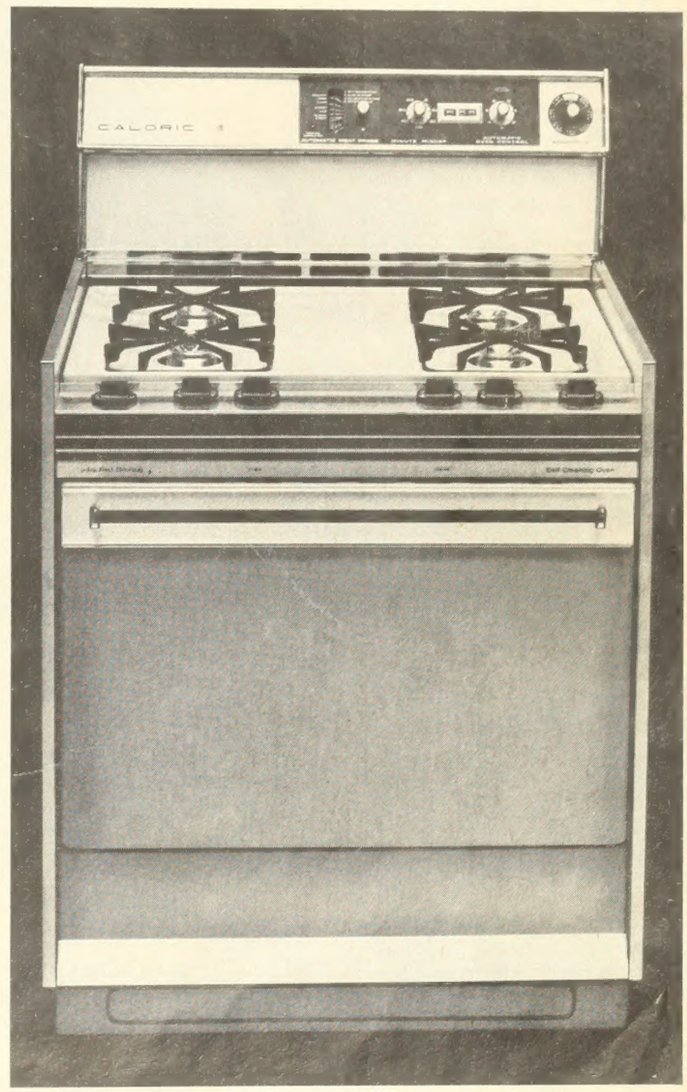
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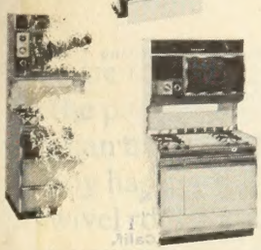
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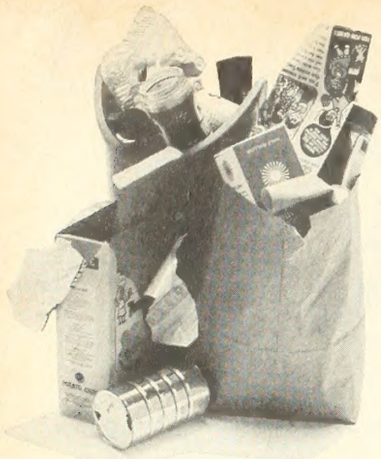
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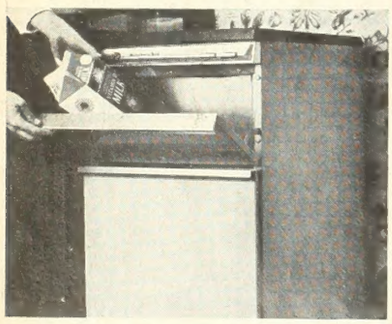
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A collection of antique English china is the lovely backdrop for a summer brunch in the colorfully remodeled kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks of Freeport, Long Island, N.Y. Here, the table is set with Tiffany dinnerware and silver and a basket of jonquils from Robert Webb Inc.—all fitting into the blue-white-and-yellow theme seen in First Edition's "Prairie Rose" wallpaper and in American Olean's "Primitive" floor tile. For other views, see the full story on pages 30 and 31, with details in Product Information. Cover photograph by Feliciano.

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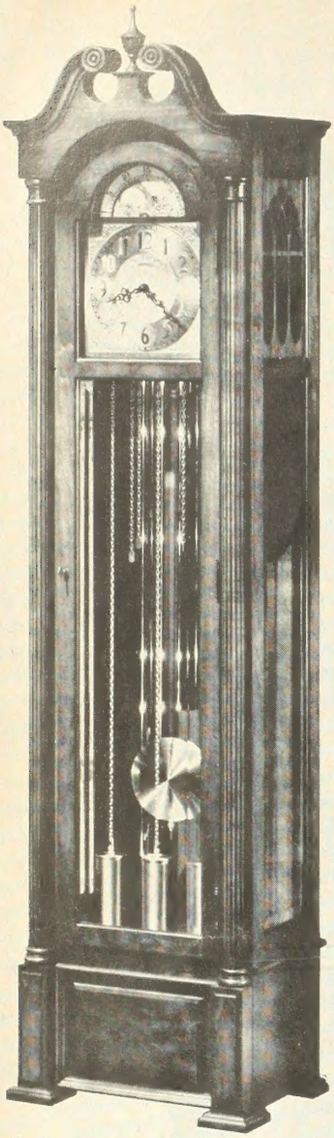
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By MARION GOUGH □ The energy shortage has at least shaken most of us out of the complacency with which we used to summon up power and light at the flick of a switch, giving neither a first or second thought to the kilowatt demand that started the electric generators slurping up fuel. Who cared about kilowatts, except when we saw the electric bill and an overly big dollars-and-cents figure next to those arcane initials kwh (meaning kilowatt hours)? Today it's a different story. Most of us understand the message that a kilowatt hour is first of all a measure of the electrical energy we and our appliances have been consuming.

Kwh is a unit of electrical energy equal to the work done by 1,000 watts working for one hour (a 100-watt light bulb burning 10 hours uses 1 kwh). Currently those initials are a stern reminder of how we're pulling our weight in energy conservation. And nobody, but nobody, no matter how vested their interests in the increased use of power might seem to be, doubts that there's an urgent need to conserve, even though our household use of energy accounts for only 19% of this entire country's total energy (continued)

POWER CONSUMPTION CHECKLIST

Appliances draw widely different amounts of power, as the figures below tell clearly. Keep in mind as you read the figures that these are averages. For example, if you own a waffle iron, but used it only once last year, its annual consumption would be far below the 22 kwh listed. Principally, the list helps you compare one appliance with another. All figures were prepared by the Electric Energy Association. See above for a clear explanation of kilowatt-hours.

Appliance	Average Wattage	Estimated Kilowatt-hours (kwh) Consumed Annually
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Broiler	1,436	100
Carving Knife	92	8
Coffee Maker	894	106
Dishwasher	1,201	363
Frying Pan	1,196	186
Mixer	127	13
Oven, Microwave (only)	1,450	190
Range (with oven)	12,200	1,175
Range (with self-cleaning oven)	12,200	1,205
Roaster	1,333	205
Toaster	1,146	39
Trash Compactor	400	50
Waffle Iron	1,116	22
Waste Disposer	445	30
Freezer (15 cu. ft.)	341	1,195
Frostless Freezer (15 cu. ft.)	440	1,761
Refrigerator (12 cu. ft.)	241	728
Frostless Refrigerator (12 cu. ft.)	321	1,217
Refrigerator/Freezer (14 cu. ft.)	326	1,137
Frostless R/F (14 cu. ft.)	615	1,829
Iron (hand)	1,008	144
Washing Machine (automatic)	512	103
Water Heater	2,475	4,219
(quick recovery)	4,474	4,811
Air Conditioner (room)	860	860*
Fan (attic)	370	291
Fan (circulating)	88	43
Heater (portable)	1,322	176
Humidifier	177	163
Hair Dryer	381	14
Shaver	14	1.8
Sun Lamp	279	16
Tooth Brush	7	0.5
Radio	71	86
Radio /Record Player	109	109
Television, Black & White (tube type)	160	350
Television, B/W (solid state)	55	120
Television, Color (tube type)	300	660
Television, Color (solid state)	200	440
Clock	2	17
Vacuum Cleaner	630	46

Based on 1000 hours of operation per year. This figure will vary widely depending on area and specific size of unit.

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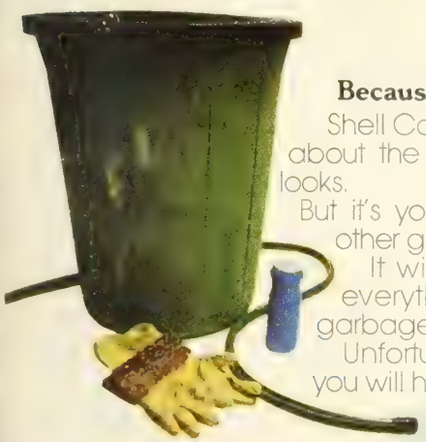
By ANNE OGDEN □ There are many of us who want to live in the city; many of us who do. Yet urban life appears—from newspaper, television and radio coverage—fraught with woes: crime, high rents for tiny apartments, impersonal sun-blocking buildings replacing charming older ones. With so much discouraging news, is there cause for optimism about the future of city life? Perhaps most important, what can we do about it? Looking for some light on the problem, we spoke recently to Arthur Drexler, Director of the Department of Architecture and Design at New York's Museum of Modern Art. Armed with "a certain skepticism," having seen so many proposals surface and fail he found much to be discouraged (continued on page 9)

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consumption. Those electrical servants we have come to know and love—appliances, air conditioning, television and miscellaneous handy helpers—account for only 5% of the total.

The crisis has generated a wide dissemination of information on the nature of energy and how to use it wisely, much of it issued by fuel companies, power and light purveyors and manufacturers of electric equipment.

While New Yorkers consider it a treacherous breach of togetherness to say a kind word about their celebrated utility company, Consolidated Edison, Con Ed deserves a star in its battered crown for publishing a little treatise, *How to Save a Barrel of Oil.* The figures are based on Con Ed's own operating facilities, but they seem to put the relationship between oil and electrical power into perspective. One barrel of oil (42 gallons) generates 465 kilowatt-hours. Con Ed figures that if in 1974 every one of its three million customers cut his electric use by 465 kwh, the equivalent of a barrel of oil, this would amount to a 6% cut in the 50 million barrels of oil that were used last year to provide electrical power to New York. But you don't have to be a New Yorker to save a barrel of oil—or a gallon, which is the equivalent of about 11 kwh.

The reality remains, of course, that we are an energy-dependent society and it would be neither feasible nor practical for us to stop using our electrical aids entirely and go back to the icebox, the candle or the carpet beater. We are also a nation of personal-choice-makers—one woman's luxury is another's necessity—so where and how you cut down depends upon your own value judgments. *The question is not which appliance you use but how much energy you consume.* When you have some idea of the amount of kwh each of your appliances can be expected to consume, you can pace your use of them. (See figures on opening page chart.)

In the crusade to conserve, many of the small, portable appliances have come in for a lot of bad-mouthing as gimmicky wastrels. But gimmicky is in the eye of the beholder and energy consumption for the portables is often surprisingly small. For instance, the man who is devoted to his electric carving knife may dismiss his neighbor's hot lather dispenser as definitely dispensable. But the fact is that in average use the carver is slicing up eight kwh a year, while it would take the latherer three years to use one kwh. And if they both put their pet appliances into mothballs, neither could claim to be the last of the red-hot energy-savers—not when in average annual use a run-of-the-mill tube model black-and-white TV consumes 350 kwh, a dishwasher takes 363 kwh, and a quick-recovery hot water heater uses 4,811 kwh.

The dishwasher and water heater figures are significant because they point up how the best intentions can lead you down the garden path in this business of energy-saving, unless you know something about kwh. For example, the conscientious woman who pulls the plug on her dishwasher and washes her dishes by hand under running hot water is actually wasting energy—and water, into the bargain. She is also running up her bill. Similarly, if she puts away the blender (15 kwh per year), the mixer (13 kwh per year) and the electric knife (8 kwh per year) to do their chores by hand but, for entertainment while she works, turns on the least energy-consuming TV (solid-state, black-and-white, 120 kwh per year), she is using more power than her neighbor who doesn't use TV while she works.

It's in the nature of heating and cooling devices to use more energy than power-driven devices. Water heaters, stoves, ovens, dryers, irons, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners are large consumers. Best you can do is to see that they are in good condition—well insulated, gaskets tight, filters cleaned, —and then use them prudently. Some appliances you might have been tempted to put into dead storage can turn out to be real conservers. For a small cooking job, such as baking a couple of potatoes or reheating a left-over, the quick concentrated heat of a toaster-oven or a microwave oven will use less power than would be required to heat up your regular oven. Save that for the all-out, big meals and try to cook as much of the meal as possible in the oven. (On page 38, see 10 appliances that help save cooking energy.)

It should go without saying that a full-loaded dishwasher, washing machine or dryer is a more frugal use of power than using the machine for just a few pieces, which means more frequently. Cutting out the drying cycle of the dishwasher and

letting dishes dry by themselves is a help. Washing clothes in cold water is another saver, as is keeping an eye on the dryer so that already-dry clothes are not tumbling around in wasted heat. Self-defrosting refrigerators use more energy than manual defrosters but in the overall are considered more efficient coolers. A manually defrosted refrigerator will be wasting energy if its coils are allowed to over-frost more than ¼ inch. The saving word for ovens, refrigerators and freezers is to open their doors as little as possible. As for air conditioners, the usual crimes are setting them at too low a temperature and keeping them running when no one is around to enjoy the coolth.

TV, radio, phonographs and cassettes account for 3.2% of all energy used in the home, and the telly eats up most of it. Color TV consumes far more energy than black-and-white, but solid-state versions of either type demand about a third less power than tube sets (hybrids). There are 114 million assorted TV sets in use in the U.S.A. Of our 67,676,000 households, it's estimated that 95% or 63,342,000, have television sets, and half of these (31,671,000) have two or more sets. Average use of TV is modestly put at five hours a day, but one figure that defies statistical analysis is the amount of time these 114 million tubes are shining forth with nobody watching them. Watchers of TV-watchers are convinced that it would be a formidable figure, so this would seem to be an area ripe for energy-saving.

But here's a saving proposition that can be measured: forgetting color TV and taking as a conservative figure the 350 kwh consumed annually by an old-fashioned black-and-white tube set, and assuming that all those 63,342,000 families were using only one set, to the tune of 22.1677 billion kwh a year, if each of these households cut down their TV viewing by one hour a day, there would be an annual saving of 4.5335 billion kwh—or close to 10 million barrels of oil.

Not incidentally saving kwh means saving money as well as energy. It is said that the average cost per kwh in this country is 2.7¢, but that can be misleading since rates vary so widely in different areas, from a minimal rate in regions supplied by TVA and Bonneville power to a whopping 8.8¢ in New York City (as of April 1.) You can figure out your own savings if you use the energy consumption chart shown above as a gauge.

Waste, of course, is the cardinal sin throughout this whole effort to get our use of energy under control. And the surest way to save is to turn it off if you don't need it turned on.

FUTURE FOR CITIES

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about, though his comments did contain kernels of hope. Some problems have no easy answers at the moment. In other areas, possibilities for change are real.

Housing has been shown to have a direct relationship to crime and a feeling of community. A great deal of new city building has been what is generally referred to as "high-rise." Drexler explains: "Buildings have been handled as free-standing blocks in what was originally meant to be a park setting. The notion that large-scale housing or any other kind of large-scale building in a city should stand free in open space is a formal notion that has to do with the architect's desire to set the building free, so that it can be seen from all sides. We know very well how people react to this. We know that the result has been disastrous, virtually without exception. The first effect is to destroy the street pattern. This removes the whole reason for having a city, which is to bring people together in a common public space which they share for some essential purpose.

"Also, people have a sense of responsibility when they actually know who their neighbor is. If you live in an apartment building with 40 apartments on one floor, no one has the faintest idea who wrote the dirty words on the wall—or cares." The impersonal high-rise is known to accelerate crime because it isolates people and reduces their sense of responsibility. The question is: What else is feasible and what is being done to change the current situation.

Alternatives exist. "One reaction to the high-rise has been the desire to get away from the pure tower building and make a much more varied building mass, one that is both high and low,

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and has street frontage as well as garden areas. Most serious architects are over the isolated building-in-a-park concept and are trying to restore buildings to the streets." The museum itself has contributed a good deal to housing innovation. One example occurred in an exhibition last year. It was called Another Chance for Housing: Low-Rise Alternatives. This exhibition, designed by the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies for the New York State Urban Development Corporation, shows the many possibilities for low-rise, high-density housing. The UDC took up the challenge and a project in Brooklyn is currently under construction.

"Some other real alternatives to housing have to be developed, though," Drexler urges. "Another area to look into is suburbia. What we need is a kind of intermediate house that is not urban, but not motel-court, garden-apartment either. There isn't an apartment house developed that bridges the urban-suburban gap. This is the most promising and interesting area."

Housing has been so unimaginative. This is a problem that is hard to tackle, and has more to do with money than a lack of inspired architects. But even expensive housing has been dull. Drexler feels that this "has something to do with the kinds of people who build housing and where the investment money goes. New York, for instance, has had the biggest boom in the world of office space over a period of years. Why? Because it's so profitable." There is little investment money left for inspired housing. Smaller cities, Drexler feels, may have a better chance. "The builder has flexibility and land values aren't inflated."

How can the city change? The hope is in critical appraisal from all areas. "One ought to become more involved. Write newspapers, contact museums with ideas." Drexler cites, for example, the active concern in England. "There, architects are experiencing a certain hostility from the public." The English, he feels, are being more vocal about urban renewal and the consequent destruction of older buildings. "These older buildings were not necessarily great monuments of architecture, but they did have the flavor of history and a certain quality from a presumably calmer and less mercenary period." Institutions, too, can have a great effect. The Museum of Modern Art, besides producing exhibitions on urban alternatives, was responsible, along with Cornell University, for setting up The Institute of Architecture and Urban Studies.

"The idea," says Drexler, "was that the resources and points of view of this museum and the Institute—which draws on several universities for its staff—could analyze problems and come to conclusions about them, then recommend specific pilot case studies to appropriate government agencies to get these things realized. The UDC low-rise, high-density project was just such a case. The intention of this Institute is to generate something; to make something happen as a result of an idea or criticism."

It is time for serious evaluation of modern architecture. Both in pure architecture and in housing, Drexler thinks this may be the key to future progress. "We are living in a kind of transition stage now. Modern architecture has been around for more than half a century—long enough to have significantly transformed the environment—but in that time there has not been a serious challenge to it. Such a span of time unchallenged is unique in history."

letters

Your January issue seemed to me one of your best. I derived much enjoyment and education from reading it. The article concerning the remodeling of the old Irish castle was very good, and the remodeling of the English cottage was interesting. I particularly enjoyed "What you can learn at home." In fact, I have several letters out hoping to finish work on a PhD by correspondence school as a result of that article.—A.B.R., Henderson, N.Y.

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ments in the modern style, but I would love to see some rooms done simply and elegantly in the styles I mentioned—none of the gaudy common stuff—golden cupids, etc. I also feel you are showing too much of the pattern-on-pattern decorating. I dislike it, and most people I've talked to dislike it too. I hope my suggestions will be of some help.—M.M., Secaucus, N.J.

Congraulations! Your "Country Chic" articles in the March issue were just great! Please don't go back to the cold, impersonal, too-chic articles of former years. May I suggest an issue on the Southwest? Rich in arts, crafts and fascinating homes.—M.L., Tucson, Ariz.

I want to compliment you on the March issue—the best in ages! I found it most informative and enjoyable, particularly the "Country Chic" section. The Henderson family had great appeal and the article was written with style and flair—the way they live. Ms. Nirenberg deserves a gold star. Keep up the good work.—C.G.P., Mobile, Ala.

I subscribe to HB and enjoy it very much. However, I cannot help but feel that there are interesting houses other than in the New York and New England area. As you have readers all over the U.S., it seems that it would be interesting to feature homes occasionally from the Midwest, Mountain States and the Pacific Northwest.—E.F., Silverdale, Wash.

I would like to tell you how much I love your magazine. It's like having Christmas every month—each new page is like a gift. I'm an antique nut but enjoy all kinds of homes and furnishings.—C.J. McC., Midlothian, Ill.

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Although country-French furniture is a fast-disappearing commodity, there are still dealers who manage to turn up with some interesting examples of 18th- and 19th-century cabinetwork. Their products range from the naively crude to fairly sophisticated provincial copies of the court style. A few firms have good reproductions, a possibility for adding flair to an interior if the price of originals isn't right.—JEAN BAKER

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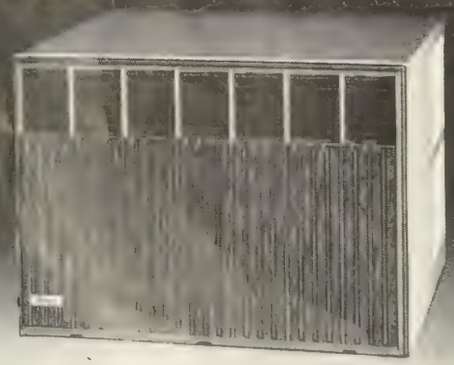
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12 GREAT KITCHENS, EACH WITH A PERSONALITY OF ITS OWN

Necessity is the mother of all kitchens, but her offspring do not necessarily have to look like her—as demonstrated by the 12 uniquely individual kitchens in this issue coordinated by Home Service Editor Nancy Craig. Despite their common ancestry and an underlying presence of functional design, they vary widely in mood and style. But these differences are the spice that can make a kitchen the most exciting room in your home. The first example, on this page, is a kitchen/dining "minispace" exhibited at San Francisco's International Design Show. Conceived by Kitchen Designer Jeanette Coppes, a 75-year-old grandmother whose 40-year career has spanned some 800 kitchens, it is a compact, deceptively simple distillation of everything she ever learned about culinary planning, but she adds: "It's what's behind those cupboard doors that really counts!"

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The center island concept of this kitchen design is always the best solution where space permits, according to Mrs. Coppes. Here, sheltered by a hovering ventilation hood, it also doubles as a convenient dining surface for two. Dishwasher, compactor and refrigerator fronts are faced with blue-hued oak paneling to match the Mutschler cabinets. Work counters are of ceramic tile. The adjoining dining area in the foreground was furnished by Interior Designer Joyce Colton.





BILL HELMS

2 culinary artisans plan a dazzling

CUSTOM KITCHEN ON A GRAND SCALE

Combine the creative thinking of two culinary specialists like George and Karen Zehring Lang, then add the professional expertise of an architect to a remodeling project and the result is a kitchen that's dazzling, resplendent, glamorous. When George Lang (author of *The Cuisine of Hungary* and head of an international consulting firm for restaurants) and his wife, Karen (who is a member of the Good Cooking School and a skilled pastry chef), decided to redesign the kitchen in their New York City apartment, they employed a classic rule: form follows function. Lang says, "We had to consider the traffic patterns and the various actions that occur in the kitchen and then borrowed a few ideas from professional kitchen plans." Function, for the Langs, meant areas for formal and informal dining, buffets, desk and office work, a sewing center, space for parties and a "classroom" for Karen Lang's pastry classes.

To meet their list of necessities, Architect Donald C. Mallow designed what is a commodious 20 by 40-foot fully air-conditioned kitchen/dining room/office. To achieve this space, Mallow had the walls removed between what was originally four separate spaces: dining room, small study, small kitchen and bathroom. The style, as Lang describes it: "transformed bits of Budapest coffeehouses, mid-19th-century New Orleans dining rooms and various contemporary influences all now adding up to something entirely different."

The dining area (*left*) glows with mirrored ceiling panels and 28 smoke-colored bronze lights. Glistening white tiles frame inlaid dark oak parquet flooring; at the windows (*right*), glass cabinets showcase crystal and 18th-century tea kettles. George and Karen Lang (*top right*) arrange a few dishes for this particular evening's gastronomic feast: salad; in two flat ovenproof platters, vegetables baked in Provençal olive oil; homemade bread; a light cheese.









Each special need was beautifully fitted in

The Langs needed the kitchen area itself to function on three levels: as Karen Lang's baking center, complete with an Alabama marble counter and cooking surface (*next page*); as a preparation area for hot food; as a pantry/cold storage area. It also had to contain both standard and professional equipment—regardless of size—as well as incorporate a number of specially made items that had previously existed only in the minds of the Langs. Throughout, Mallow's design met the challenge. Plumbing, electricity and exhaust systems were but a few of the complications he had to resolve. The cabinetry was designed so that virtually every inch of storage space was used to advantage, always with a constant concern for the visual effect. The glass-doored upper cabinets, for instance, are rimmed with stainless steel—this giving a reflective backdrop to their contents as well as a tight dust-preventing seal for the doors. The lighting, too, is nothing less than spectacular, combining recessed and exposed fixtures, all placed exactly where needed. The smoky glass cylinders—on dimmers throughout the kitchen and the dining area—are just one of the many items conceived by the Langs and designed by Mallow, these made by a German firm. Mirrors heighten eight-foot ceilings and also accentuate space.

The ingenious order of this kitchen is exemplified in the area around the serving pass-through (*above left*). Poppy seed-and-walnut crescents are just coming out of the convection oven, an oven that allows air circulation to combine with heat for more even baking. To its left: a dishwasher, one of the two sinks (another is in the pastry section), the custom soda and chilled-water fountain and then the serving counter.

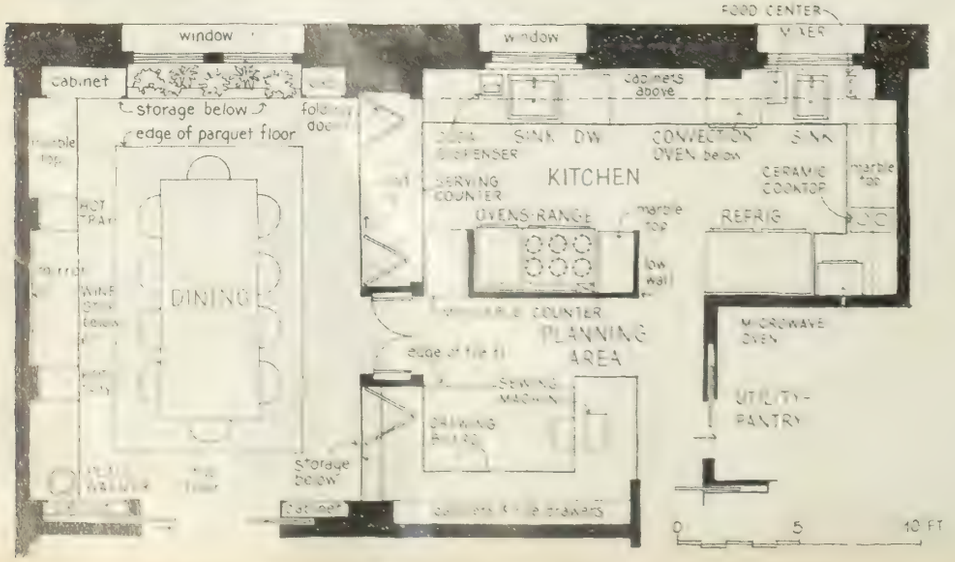
The range in the cooking area (*right*) is like the ones used in restaurants, this custom-made with a white fascia. And to its left is a multipurpose marble-topped counter for holding pots just off the range or for whipping up confectionary treats. A mobile unit provides additional workspace. The windowlike opening behind the range gives them access also from the planning area—and at left George Lang uses this to give a stir from the other side of the stove, while the thin Indian pancakes called *pappadum* await on the grill.











Everywhere, the plan fits the exact wish

Like the kitchen, the sewing area/office (*above left*) is arranged for fingertip access to whatever may be needed at any time. All work surfaces are maple butcher block; the equipment is all the very latest: sewing machine, television with clock, typewriter. Space is perfected for non-culinary work—file drawers and cubbyholes all sized as needed for office and sewing supplies with cabinets above.

Imaginative structural features in the dining area also demonstrate the professional's expert eye for combining utility and beauty. A tile-topped credenza running the entire length of the room provides generous storage. On top, it's fitted with a marble section for cold dishes, two inset hot trays and a lowerator—a device that works on a balance system so that as one warm dish is removed, the next one springs up. How to store wine without a separate cellar? Layer the bottles in specially labeled drawers (*far left center*). The wine cooler is another Lang concept brought to handsome reality in a Mallow design: It's really one of the custom bar stools with seat removed and insulated cooler in place. Tall cabinets around the window and under the openings to the kitchen and office (*near left center*) offer additional storage. Fold-out partitions inset at the top with decorative beveled glass nest in wall niches during the day. Together with the double doors to the planning area (see *plan at left*), they can completely close off the dining room on the Langs' more intimate dining occasions.

Pastries of exotic nature are prepared with ease in the baking section (*above right*). This home *boulangerie* is replete with mixing machine, sink and, further down, a blender built into the counter. A triumverate of glass spaghetti jars stands against a shining tile wall; on the counter, *coulibiac*, a fish-shaped Russian delicacy of salmon and rice baked in a pastry shell. On one side of the microwave oven, placed in the corner, a two-burner smooth-surface cooktop (*below near right*); on the other, a commercial stainless steel refrigerator with four glass doors (*far right*), large enough to contain a case of oranges and many wines without diminishing any space for food. And as complete as the kitchen is now, the Langs yet plan to add a specially designed coffeemaker.

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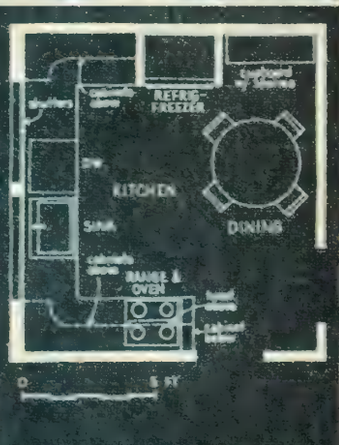
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One way to make a kitchen uniquely yours is to plan the redesigning around cherished collectibles. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks of Freeport, Long Island, wanted to update their small 11 by 12-foot kitchen and also display their "Flow Blue" antique English china. The result is a charming room, with colors and furnishings persuasively influenced by their blue-and-white collection. Before its modernization, Mrs. Brooks found the room's plan inconvenient, with not enough work space or storage space. New oak cabinets were built, extending from above the stove *(left)* to the refrigerator *(right)*, some with revolving shelves for ultimate convenience. Curved cabinets fit smoothly into the corners. These are in jonquil yellow, painted to reveal the fine oak grain. The full impact of the navy-ground floral wallpaper—"Prairie Rose" by First Editions Inc.—is evident from the hallway *(below left)*. The antique china, exhibited to full advantage in a Pennsylvania Dutch cupboard, is an elegant partner to the lively wallpaper. The refrigerator, formerly where the stove is now, stands on the opposite side of the room—wood-framed and set with double cabinets above *(left)*. The chandelier, brass and etched glass, is an antique. The new floor is American Olean's "Primitive" ceramic tile. The round table is set here for brunch *(right)*, continuing in the blue-and-white theme: hand-appliquéd Italian linen tablecloth and napkins from Leron Inc. over a skirt from Tablerie at Bonwit Teller. Dinnerware, bowls and "Bamboo" silver are from Tiffany & Co. How to redesign an almost square kitchen? Get an idea from the Brooks's kitchen floor plan *(above)*.

A TWO-FOLD JOY







REMODELING BRINGS CONVENIENCE AND A STUNNING SETTING FOR PRIZE ANTIQUES



FOR THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

Family kitchen, breakfast room, winter garden—and sometime classroom—in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kann, Larchmont, N.Y. This is what can happen to an old-fashioned, time- and motion-wasting kitchen when it falls in the hands of an active, superlative cook and an understanding architectural designer. The cook, of course, is Lore Kann herself; the designer, Debora K. Reiser. The object of this remodeling of a literally and figuratively square kitchen was to provide logically related working-storage-eating-deskwork areas, abetted by the most efficient equipment, in a lightsome surround of color and greenery, spacious enough to accommodate the small cooking classes Mrs. Kann occasionally conducts for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. Gathered around the cooktop island,



groups of six get their lessons in *potage jardin*, Bavarian apple cake, Roquefort strudel and other *Feinschmecker* specialties of the house. Mrs. Kann, who lovingly attributes her culinary skills to the tutelage of her German mother, has imparted her enthusiasm for cooking to her teen-age daughter and son and says that they came up with several of the good, working ideas.

The high-polish black top of the cooking island is alberene, a stone generally used on laboratory counters. It is heat- and stain-resistant, its coldness an excellent surface for Mrs. Kann's pastry-making (*below right*). The island is inset with a grill as well as burners, all under a hood prettily bordered with Mexican tiles. Facing the breakfast area (*below left*), the island is fitted out with drawers and cabinets and, at one end, with an under-counter, pull-out cart that is kept set with toaster, percolator and sugar bowl, ready for the morning meal in a sun-splashed garden. This burgeoning, glassy nook of ferns, bromeliads and geraniums is a window greenhouse, a charming replacement for the wall where the former stove stood under two small, high windows. Preparation counters, sink and dishwasher line the back wall under old leaded windows that were kept for their old-world atmosphere. These can be covered partially or completely by rearrangeable fabric panels in a bright Marimekko print, moving on ceiling tracks. Boxing for the refrigerator/freezer (*bottom right*) incorporates an upper cupboard for seldom used equipment. Ovens are set into the wall, which is virtually a corridor of storage space between the kitchen and dining room.

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EVERYONE WANTS TO BE IN THIS COOKERY, INCLUDING THE COOK

The Kann kitchen, which is so much more than a workshop for preparing three meals a day, mirrors the changing status of a room that not too long ago was given a back-of-the-house treatment and considered off-limits to guests. This kitchen was, of course, designed to make the cook's surroundings pleasurable as well as functional, but it goes a step further and invites family and guests to enjoy it, too. Opening up one wall with a window greenhouse expanded its over-all sense of spaciousness, brought in light and added the decorative freshness of green growing things—meantime putting potted herbs within snipping distance of the stove. The breakfast area (*below*) takes on the quality of a day-long sitting room. The wall of storage cabinets at left provides shelves for a library of cookbooks and its coun-



ter functions as a desk. The door to its right opens from the garage, so that the marketing is delivered right into the kitchen.

Other efficiencies abound—because they were thought through. Although it might not appear obvious, lighting was designed to fall exactly where needed. The cooktop, for instance, is lighted by fixtures concealed in the custom-made ventilating hood, in itself an example of hard-boiled functionalism sugar-coated with good looks. All possible over-counter and under-counter wall space was made to work as storage cupboards behind smoothly fitted doors. China is innovatively stored in cabinet drawers (*below*) immediately next to the dishwasher and at hand level—no reaching and stretching needed to put it away. The mixer-blender, attached to a hinged shelf in one lower cabinet (*below right*), pulls up to working height conveniently close to counter space. The sphere on the counter is a cassette-radio and the room can keep in touch with the rest of the house via an intercom system. The completely cabinet-lined corridor from kitchen to dining room (*bottom left*) is ingeniously curved on one side to follow the line of the stairway of the house (*see plan*), and the resulting shallow space turned to use as canned goods shelves—one-can deep, which makes cans easy to identify and get at. On the opposite wall of the corridor, a sink and counter encased by more storage cabinets function as a bar and as a present-day equivalent of the old butler's pantry—a handy depository for dishes en route to and from the dining room. Kitchen area floor is polished tile, easily kept immaculate.

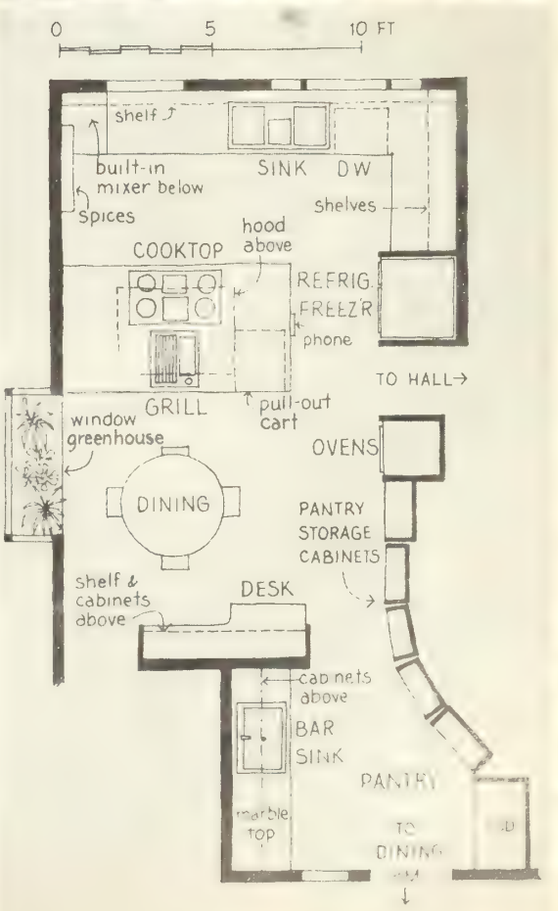




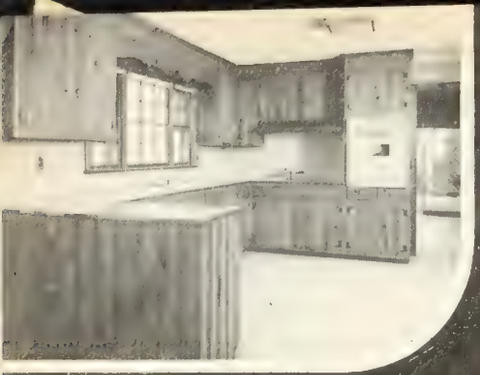


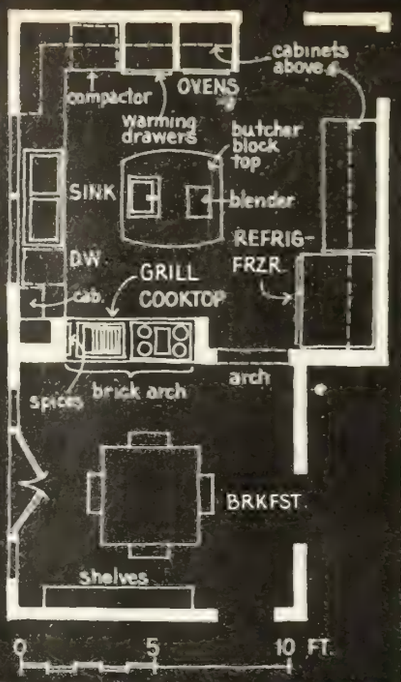






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FROM LARGE BUT PLAIN TO *WARM* AND COZY

Not too long ago, this intriguing kitchen was an ordinary space in an ordinary Connecticut house. Though it was large, the owners, Designers Ben Piazza and Don Bondy, say the original (*above left*) was a bleak room with a "nothing-nothing" look. "There was a kitchen table in the center," says Piazza, "and you just ran back and forth around the table from stove to cabinets to refrigerator—and back again to the sink."

Piazza brought a sense of drama to the kitchen and adjoining breakfast room by removing one wall cabinet and building a thick brick wall over the former counter divide. (*below*). A cooktop and grill were installed in this counter, with a large arched opening to allow access from both sides. A new permanent island work center (see *plan above right*) augments the counterspace and the cabinets were updated with a colorful painted finish and sympathetic hardware. But it is the many accessories that lend these spaces distinct personality. French cooking utensils gleam against the brick wall in the kitchen; old-fashioned keys, including one that once unlocked the gate to a Spanish garden, were mounted on wood and hung on the wood-faced wall in the breakfast room (*right*). The spidery Spanish chandelier is not wired, but if the owners prefer not to eat in its cozy candle glow, a light installed in the ceiling above it provides electricity. The old clock was bought with tobacco coupons early in the century and the cow grazing on top of the arch is an Early American weather vane.

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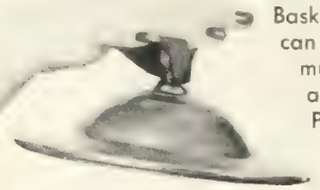




APPEALINGLY FUNCTIONAL

Too many cooks might spoil the stew, but there are never too many of these kinds of helpers: accessories that brighten both kitchen and cook. "Armetale" tureen (*below*) with notched lid and handle is a pewter-lookalike metal alloy that can go from oven to table. It won't chip, crack, break or tarnish; each piece is individually sand-cast. By Wilton Brass Co. At right, a spring green cloth and napkin of Belgian linen and polyester by Matouk are pretty additions to any breakfast or luncheon table. "The Little Basket" of clear plastic can easily tote fruit or muffins to the table as a perky server. By Product Makers Inc.

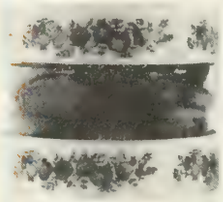




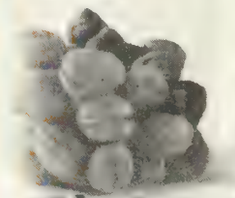




This butcher block "Choppin' Table" (*below*) comes ready to assemble. A space-saver at two feet square, it has a knife rack (Ekco knives seen here not included) and legs bored for casters. By Wood mark, through Schiller & Asmus. On to is Nesco's "Pot Luc Cooker," the slo cooker sized fo party fare



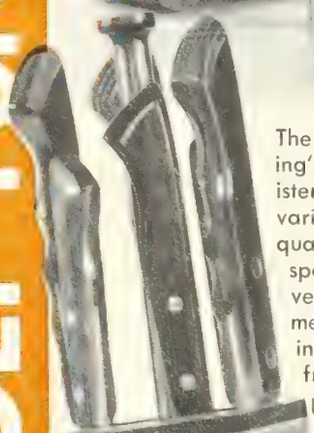






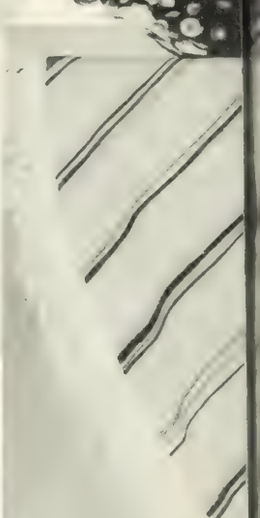


The beans are beautiful in Corning's Pyrex "Spice O'Life" clear canisters (*above*) that come in a variety of sizes from ¾ cup to 2½ quarts. Opaque-patterned covers sport a new design of fruit and vegetables. At left, an assortment of stainless steel-blade knives in a woodlook caddy can go from dining room to kitchen to patio. Six knives for every use (including a French chef's knife). The Flint "Cutlery Caddy" by Ekco.









The "Giotto" four-piece canister set (*above*) has a graphic bull's-eye design. Available in orange or in brown, it's imported from Italy by Schiller & Asmus. A storage jar (*right*) with a natural shape for natural foods is the crystal mushroom by Libbey. Available in three sizes; one might even be put into use as a small terrarium.



This teapot (*below*) is pottery handcrafted by John Glick. Each an individual statement, Glick's pottery designs are available in various forms through the American Crafts Council. Another kitchen cheerer, Vera's "Dots and Circles Back 'N Forth" apron (*below*) covers front and back for protection. At right, the tiniest meat thermometer is this Micro-Temp by Litton. Only an inch in diameter, it has instant action for testing food cooked in microwave ovens. For any oven, try Taylor's two-inch professional thermometer (*not shown*), also a fast-acter and easily readable.



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"Sun Days" (*at left*) is the brightest spot for your breakfast table whether the sun's shining or not. This yellow-red-and-green tablecloth with its matching napkins comes round in both 68- and 60-inch diameters or rectangular at 52 by 70 inches. By Linens by Vera. Easy to use or store, this two-step stool by Cosco folds when you pick it up to a compact 4¾-inch sliver. Chrome-framed safety-treaded steps are decoratively trimmed in three bright fashion colors of spring green, sun yellow or bronze.

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ENERGY SAVERS

The energy-savers here have a two-fold purpose: they save on natural energy because they're efficient and they save you energy for the same reason. Take the electric "Minute Grill" (*near right*) for an example. It's speedy because it cooks both from the top and bottom at the same time at a high temperature; steak can be grilled rare in three minutes. The grids are treated so food won't stick, saving cleaning time. By SEB of France. Another speedy grill (*not shown*) is Mirro's Mirro-Matic Wiz-Grid. It gives the flavor of frying with the benefits of broiling; for hamburger, steaks, bacon or grilled sandwiches. The Turbo-Oven (*far right*) cooks with recirculated hot air to roast faster and bake more evenly. It fits on a countertop and operates on ordinary household current. From Farberware. Pressure cookers are noted time-savers—but this one by SEB of France (*below*) is the only one available that can be opened during cooking. For this method, once again in style, other good examples are by Presto and Mirro.

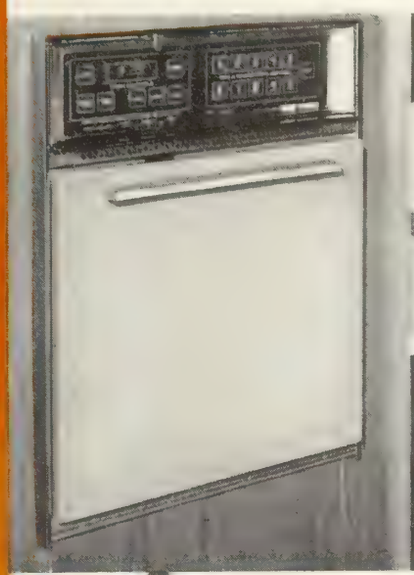


The food machine that does nearly everything is the innovative Food Processor made by Cuisinarts (*above center*). It can chop beef for a steak tartare in a mere 30 seconds, slice onions, carrots, julienne potatoes, make pastry in a flash. The various cutting blades and slicers can be removed for cleaning. Drip coffee seems to be fast becoming a most popular form of our national beverage. This automatic drip coffeemaker by General Electric (*above right*) has the first cup ready in 90 seconds. Litton's microwave oven (*above*) goes on counter or cart and plugs into any outlet. It has a defrost cycle and safety interlock switches and comes with a grill and a cookbook for microwave cooking.

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Frigidaire's "Touch-N-Cook" oven (*below*) now has computerized cooking in a single built-in wall oven. Operated by the touch of a finger, the oven is programmed to set specific temperature and time. Oven cleaning is a cinch with the push-button "Electri-Clean" feature. This smooth cooktop (*below right*) features a "Griddle 'n Grill" in the center that can produce, indoors, that very special outdoor flavor. The grill top closes to make a flat surface all the way across. Thermador's first smooth cooktop, it is equipped for safety with a separate caution light that warns when the cooktop is too hot to touch, even if the controls have been turned off. The grill is Teflon-coated for easy clean-ups. Also from Thermador (*not shown*): a built-in toaster that seems so slim it almost disappears into the wall. The "Bilt-in" toaster is one problem-solver for that needed working counter space and lifts out for cleaning.







30 by 24 inches, available 69 or 79 inches high. ***NEW!*** Amana's three-door "Ice 'n Water" side-by-side refrigerator/freezer. Ice and water are dispensed from a separate section so the freezer need not be opened each time. Two-section freezer divides the often-used from longer-stored items. ***NEW!*** The General Electric "No-frost" refrigerator/freezer with crushed ice and cube dispensers on the outside, a first for a standard refrigerator with top freezer. ***NEW!*** The "Potscrubber II" dishwasher by General Electric gets off the cooked-on foods so hard to remove from your pots and pans. ***NEW!*** A trash compactor by General Electric that comes free-standing or built-in. A door-mounted trash container swings out of the unit for easy loading; the receptacle can be used with or without plastic bags and has a special "carry-out handle." ***NEW!*** An electronic message center built into a three-door side-by-side Frigidaire refrigerator/freezer includes AM-FM radio, tape recorder and player. The unit is battery-operated and can be moved elsewhere and plugged into regular household circuits. ***NEW!*** By Bowmar, the electric self-cleaning built-in oven that has microwave and conventional heating all in one unit. ***NEW!*** Matching "Touch-N-Cook" smooth-surface cooking top, also by Frigidaire, adds extra counter space when not in use. ***NEW!*** Philco's 24-cubic foot side-by-side refrigerator/freezer with both one-piece liners and magnetic panels in a variety of floral and geometric patterns to change kitchen color schemes instantly. ***NEW!*** Corning's "3+1" smooth-top range has thermostats that do the pot-watching for you on three burners. On these, you can use any flat-bottomed pan or "Cookmates" cookware. The fourth element works like a conventional burner, so you can use ony type of pot on it.



NEW! A freezer for limited space: Sears' six-cubic foot "Coldspot" freezer holds food at zero degrees and fits into a 26-inch space. Also comes in 9- or 12-cubic foot capacities. ***NEW!*** Speed Queen's "Kitchen Console," a combination range top with eye-level oven plus dishwasher, comes gas- or electric - powered. Unit measures



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the country appeal of brick and oak in a

KITCHEN DESIGNED FOR FAMILY LIFE





Emanating country warmth, this remodeled kitchen and family room in a comfortably old California house was designed so a young mother would not have to divide her time between cooking and her family. Now she can prepare meals leisurely while her children read books, watch television or entertain friends by the fireplace at the far end of the room and her husband spends time in a small home-office carved out for him (*see plan*). Designer Janean arranged everything in keeping with this housekeeper's meticulous tastes: Each item had to have its place, yet be easily accessible. At the kitchen end, activity centers around a butcher block-topped island with stainless steel double sinks. Oak cabinets at the base hold dishes and table service, while pots and pans hang just an arm's reach above—on a rack suspended by chains from the ceiling beams. The cook has only to turn to face a bricked corner (new brick made to match the old, original brick of the hearth) and have built-in double ovens, cooktop, rotisserie, broiler and, tucked beneath, a hot food server at the ready (*left*). A can opener is built-in on the wall at the right, and drawers immediately below counters store a collection of spices and seasonings. Only a few steps from the center island is a large side-by-side refrigerator/freezer, with doors paneled to match the cabinets. The round table with four ladder back chairs is convenient for breakfasts and informal meals. While the beams are admittedly new—covered in oak facing to match cabinets and floor—the one above

superbly organized for a meticulous young mother

the cooking area is solid oak, an old beam found by the designer. It serves as an oven hood, concealing duct system and over-counter lighting. Farther around the corner is the Foodmatic food center and refrigerator/freezer. Storage throughout the area is thoughtfully placed, subtly blended into the décor: Plastic cylinders set into the cobinetry hold staples; small appliances are hidden behind counter-level folding doors and on the opposite side of the room (*see plan*), a washer and dryer are cached behind full-length folding doors. But what's a country kitchen without greenery? A bricked counter beneath paned windows is equipped with its own sink and reserved for still another of the owner's interests: potting and flower-arranging *(above)*.



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a glowing
country kitchen
on 2 levels

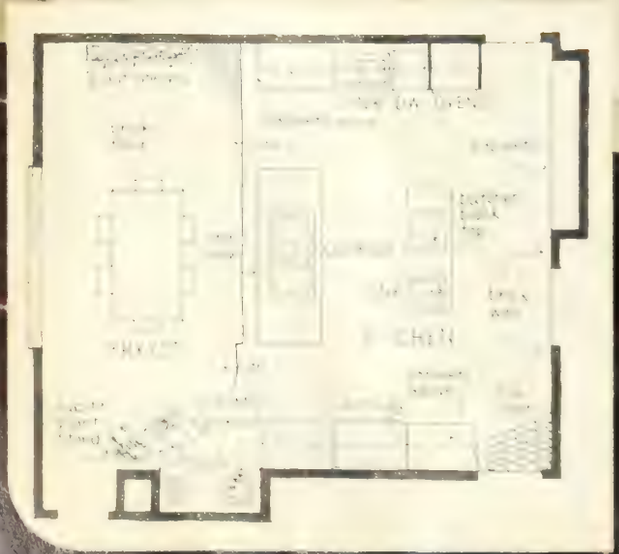




When Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stern decided to remodel the kitchen in their 40-year-old house on the Long Island shore, they asked Designer Michael de Santis to plan a dining space in the kitchen. Yet they wanted it to have a sense of apartness so they could entertain there as well as enjoy family meals with their three children. Mrs. Stern, a superb cook, also wanted it fully equipped but did not want a look that could immediately be labeled contemporary. Working with Kingsway Custom Kitchens, De Santis extended the room to create a new dining level *(see plans, next page)*, then produced this glowing up-to-date country kitchen. Two islands *(this page)*, one with a cooktop and the other with inset butcher block chopping board and a sink, give work space just a few well-planned steps from the bi-level ovens, sink, dishwasher and storage cabinets on the back walls *(above and left)*. Handsome pots from India and Pakistan —collected by the Sterns on some of their travels abroad— hang splendidly from the ceiling beams, surprisingly and most effectively mixed with city-glamorous accents like the Lucite bar stools, stepladder and touches of decorative pottery.

BILL HELMS





The enchanting dining addition to the Sterns' house is one step down from the remodeled kitchen. No high formal structure divides the two spaces (see *plan at left*) but subtle decorative details provide a change of pace: flower-splashed "Mikado" wallpaper with shiny wood cabinets and white hexagonal tile flooring in the kitchen (*right*); brick floor and walls in the dining area. Lush greenery thrives here. There's a pleasant view of the lawn through the large window (*above*), and overhead is that rare find in a suburban house —a skylight that fills the space with sun (and offers dinner guests a chance to wish on the first star of evening). The dining table, too, is patio-like in feeling—its chestnut top with stain-resistant finish resting on a curvy wrought-iron base, set off by apple green chairs with blue vinyl seats. The Sterns feel De Santis has given them a very personal expression of them and their interests. The old clock (readable on both sides) is another memento of their travels, an oddity purchased in England one summer. And the ambiance here is so pleasing that they now use their separate dining room only a few times a year when members of the family and close friends gather for more formal, festive and large holiday and birthday dinners.

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area with
a mood all its own

THE THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

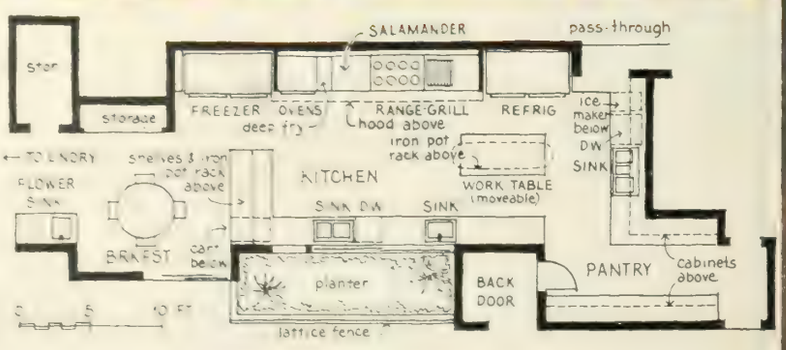
By JAMES DELONG ☐ During the 17 years since they built their Southern California home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Skouras Jr. have twice remodeled their kitchen. Now in its third and ultimate version—and completely fitted with commercial, restaurant-type equipment—it has achieved a state of culinary nirvana: "This is final," says Skouras. "There's no place left to go from here." What led them to the creation of this *magnum opus*, this Rolls-Royce of kitchens? "Well, my wife and I just became cook-happy. The more we got into cooking, the more we wanted to learn, and we finally graduated into the use of large pots and the need for big-time equipment such as professional chefs use. It was a whole new





experience—like learning to fly a jet." Enlisting the aid of Architect Harold W. Levitt, who designed their home, they stripped their second-version walls and ceiling down to bare structure and started from scratch. An existing center island was the first thing to go. "It was a great idea—but it was also an immovable object. When we really began to operate, it just got in the way." Thumbing through an equipment catalog, they found a movable worktable (*in foreground, above right*) that can be rolled out of the way when not in use. Durable vinyl tile flooring was laid in bold diagonal design to simulate pecan and cherry wood parquetry—without the maintenance. Cabinet and equipment faces of Formica, also in simulated wood-grain patterns, were installed for easy cleaning. A stain- and chip-proof granite slab was substituted for the old tile countertops in the sink area.

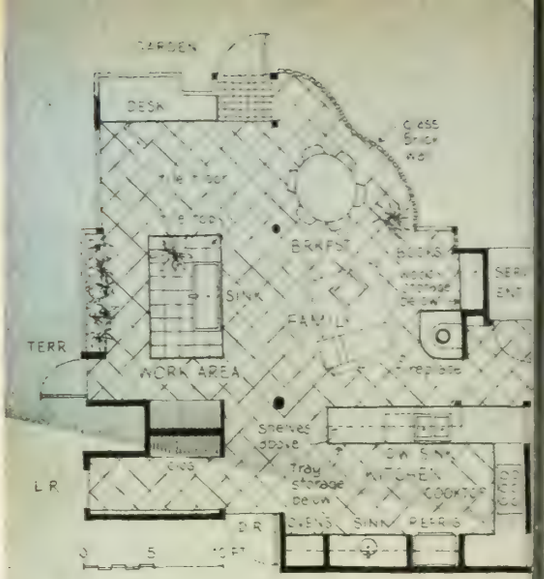
The crowning visual feature is the functional leaded-glass hood over the stainless steel cook-center (*above*). But the copper pans do not hang in there just for looks either: "They are," says Skouras, "the best cooking utensils in existence."



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By SUSAN LEWIN ☐ **When Archie and Nina Alexander decided to renovate the miniscule kitchen of their 1930s Colonial house, it was plainly apparent that what was needed was not merely a new kitchen but a way to stretch the family's living space. "With three children, everyone seemed on top of me when I was preparing meals," says Nina, who also needed a place where she could do desk work for volunteer activities. The Alexanders turned to their long-time friend, Architect Michael Graves, a professor of architecture at Princeton University for the past 12 years. Assisted by Architect Peter Waldman, Graves designed a new addition (see *plan at right*) that he feels reflects the four-part plan of the entire house. "This addition fulfills so many functions—offering a place to sit by the fire, tend plants, work at the desk, eat meals and do crafts as well as cook—that it is in actuality a microcosm of the house that it is tacked on to," says Graves. Among the conflicts Graves had to solve was that of an eastern exposure. Although facing the east would bring in the morning light across the breakfast table, it was also this exposure that looked out to the garage. Graves turned to glass blocks as a solution that would let in the light and at the same time hide the garage from view. Aware that many people have negative connotations for glass blocks because of associating their use with industrial building, he wanted to use them in an especially lyrical way. So he set them into a graceful, curving wall that is as exciting when seen in the white stucco exterior (above) as it is from within the airy, plant-filled room. The simplicity of the Regency desk chair, the Hepplewhite dining chairs and the antique wood dining table are perfect in the elaborate room.**

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A KITCHEN THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY

IN A FOUR-PART ADDITION OF MANY USES





Set in the midst of a formal rose garden, the Alexanders' new room contains many metaphorical references to the surrounding environment. An understanding of these references is important to fully comprehend Graves' very special style of architecture. For example, he sees both the cloudlike shapes of the ceiling over the dining table and the blue painted beam over Nina Alexander's desk (see *previous page*) as references to the sky. Yellow painted forms are associated with light, while the skylight and glass blocks are further metaphors for light transparency. The grid of the skylight relates in scale to the grid of the tile floor, which is earth-toned. The muddy grey-brown of the fireplace (*above*) recalls the primitive symbol for the hearth and the plant center (*below*) is painted dark green to suggest the hedges that enclose the garden. "These metaphors aren't meant to mimic the natural surroundings, but by making the references, I hope to make nature a part of the interior landscape. Because this is a garden room, I wanted to include the ideas already present in the garden," says Graves, who adds that his architecture has also been greatly influenced by classical art and architecture, Cubist painting and the architecture of Le Corbusier. "This underscoring of the relationships between inside and out is one of the most exciting parts of the room," says Nina Alexander, who is especially intrigued by the continuing line of supporting columns that start inside the room and continue out to the porch, visually connecting the two areas. Both Alexanders are quite tall, so all the counters and workspaces were made extra-high. Open storage above the counters poses no problem for either of them. The three Alexander children, Ben, nine, Jocelyn, eight, and Christopher, seven, spend lots of time working on the waterproof counter of the large sink (*below*)—painting, collaging, working in clay, printing and model-building. But as a plant center, it is a special joy to Archie Alexander for tending his plants, which fill the shelves behind the counter, are set in large pots all around the room and create a fresh surround for the dining area in front of the curving glass-block wall.

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All kinds of things happen in this kitchen. While the wife/cook urges her soufflé to rise in the double ovens and her two young sons bake cookies or concoct malteds in the blender, the husband/gardener talks to his plants in the new kitchen "greenhouse." When Mr. and Mrs. William West bought their house, a model home on the south shore of Long Island, the kitchen, though workable, lacked color and style. The family lived with it a few years, then asked Designer Michael de Santis (who had worked with them on the rest of their house) for suggestions on a "cosmetic job" to brighten the room.

De Santis removed the old windows in the wall of the dining area and installed in their place a greenhouse bay with shelves and fluorescent bulbs. The greenhouse, filled from floor to ceiling with a hundred small, exotic plants in terra-cotta pots, can be seen from the kitchen and also from the formal dining room to the left of the dining area (*see plan above left*). "We rarely use seeds. Instead, we look for plants on our trips as other travelers seek out antique shops. We get enormous pleasure out of seeing them grow *here*. My husband is forever cutting and snipping and watering. The plants are our souvenirs, to remind us all of our happy vacations," says Mrs. West enthusiastically.

Except for the plant bay, the space of the kitchen was left as it was, but the equipment was replaced with fresher, newer models. A barbecuing grill was added, as well as a ventilating fan in the custom hood over the cooktop and grill (*left*). The former countertop, a speckled yellow Formica, was replaced with one in sparkling matte white. Since the cabinets were well made and well placed, De Santis had them painted in patterned brown-and-white as a foil for the totally unkitchenlike splashy brown-and-white paper that covers the walls and ceiling. A small "eating island" with pull-out benches that fit beneath it (*below*) doubles as a breakfast counter and cooking island. Another personal pleasure amid the thriving greenery and the sleek walls thick with flowers is a massive industrial orange juice squeezer kept on the counter by the refrigerator (*below*), a purchase made by the man of the house to ease his wife's chores—and insure the family's supply of fresh juice.

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A DULL SPACE IS NOW A PLACE OF STYLE AND COLOR



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Home is not only a charming countryside residence for Dr. and Mrs. Howard H. Steel and their large family, it's also, in many important ways, the *ne plus ultra* of total family involvement.

Dr. Steel, an orthopedic surgeon, relaxes by working out of doors; Mrs. Steel, an enthusiastic and energetic woman, loves international cookery and entertaining. Together with their children, they are a remarkable family—all of them participating in an effort to beautify their home.

Gardening is just one of Dr. Steel's fondnesses, but it is gardening on a grand scale—flower bulbs are planted by the hundred and the surrounding woodland hand-tended to a wonderland of greenery. A sense of landscape is seen through the far window in the family room (*above*). The waterfall and small pool (now populated with a variety of frogs and fish) and the steps that graduate up the hill (leading to a shady lane through the woods or to the pool and poolhouse beyond) were two successful projects completed by the family.



Believing that atmosphere is as much a part of fine dining as the cuisine itself, the Steels, both gourmets, have added on a family room—done in Early American style—adjoining the kitchen proper (*right*). Architect Henry Davis III and Joseph W. Distel, consulting designer/builder, treated the room with warm country elements—beams and barn boards over a half-century old and, along the right wall, a copy of a heritage fireplace reproduced here in a unique Pennsylvania fieldstone. The grill, an ultra-modern convenience, is countrified with barn board and tiles (*left*) and fitted into the window wall corner of the family room (*see detail on plan, next page*).

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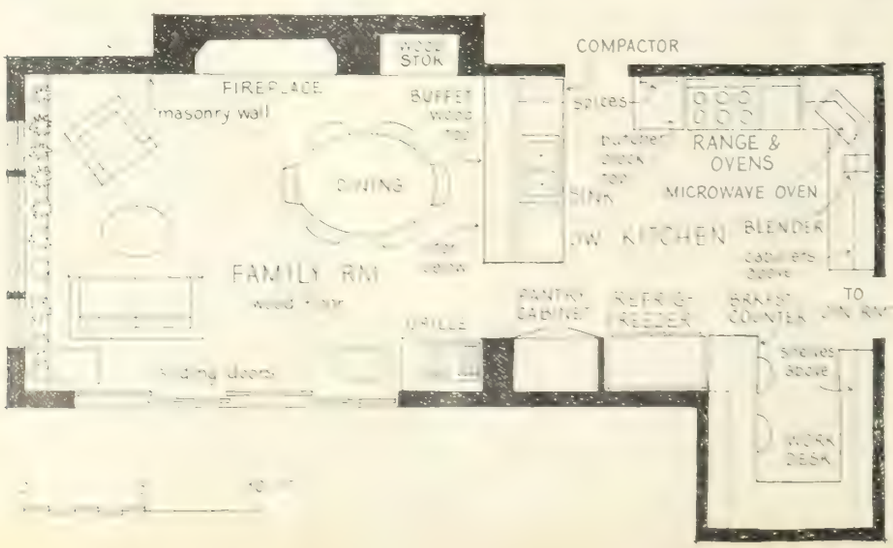




Plaudits go to Mrs. Steel, who designed this kitchen without applying the standard formulas. Some space allowed by the adjoining family room was taken to include an innovative variation. The "divider" between both rooms is actually a wood-topped expanse with sink, dishwasher and compacter fit in (*right*). Mrs. Steel realized the need for practical flooring—although she much preferred the look of wood. Her choice: durable vinylized wood with the sophisticated additives of two earth-toned Oriental rugs.

The custom-made cabinets with an Early American feel are in the subtlest of blues, the color rubbed down to give it a look of history. Authentic family artifacts hang in both the kitchen and family room: the copper kettles, from Dr. Steel's parents' candy kitchen—home of Steel's fudge—still in existence today in Atlantic City.

The kitchen/family room measures a generous 13 by 36 feet with spaces well apportioned to needs (*see plan below*). The cooking area is complete with a commercial-size range, baking and microwave ovens—all with easy access to preparation and work areas. Windows in the family room help brighten the kitchen with natural light.



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coziness, it's also a kitchen of great practicality





NATURE-BOUND

When a Stamford, Conn., pediatrician commissioned Architect David Kenneth Specter, an old friend, to build a house for him, his wife and their three children, he made one request above all others: Emphasize the relationship between indoors and out. This was no problem for the New York architect, who let his plan (*below*) largely be determined by the shape of the rock outcropping the house sits upon. The main entrance (*above left*) is at a natural break in the steeply sloping rock face. To help bring views of the surrounding woods in even more, complete glass corners were used as much as possible, as in their living room (*below left*) with its built-in seating platforms.



But the one place this "tree house" goes *POP!* is the kitchen (*right*). Blue-and-white supergraphics worked in tile stripes across the floor, then continued up the cabinets are emphasized by the mullions of the sloping skylight, which makes one feel as if one is outdoors. In summer, a profusion of plants adds to this illusion. It's a snappy setting for a woman who loves to bake—and spent lots of time working with Specter to make sure her kitchen would be as functional for her particular needs as it is dynamic.





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A
UNITY
OF
FORM
AND
FEELING

Like many city-dwellers, Architect Martin Price felt that living in his apartment was like being trapped in a filing cabinet. Reacting against this landscape of concrete, steel and glass that he viewed as oppressive and inhuman, Price created an interior that is his own personal antidote to surroundings Eero Saarinen once called "total chaos." Price took his cue from another Finn, Architect Alvar Aalto, whose timeless furniture forms are of birch bentwood. "The humanity and humility of Aalto's designs are what drew me to them," says Price, who compares them in their appeal to Shaker furniture or vigorous folk designs. The intuitive, poetic, free-flowing curves are the oneness, the continuity that all of Aalto's designs share, from the comfortable armchairs to the tables, vases, lighting, stools, benches and teacart, all of which can be seen in Price's Manhattan apartment. It has now a soothing calmness that derives both from the soft natural tones of the heathery woolen carpet and fabrics and light blond woods and from the unity of having everything from the same form world, the Aalto form world. The one small touch of bright color is in the stained glass window by Frank Lloyd Wright (*center right*). The balustrade on the pedestal is by Louis Sullivan.

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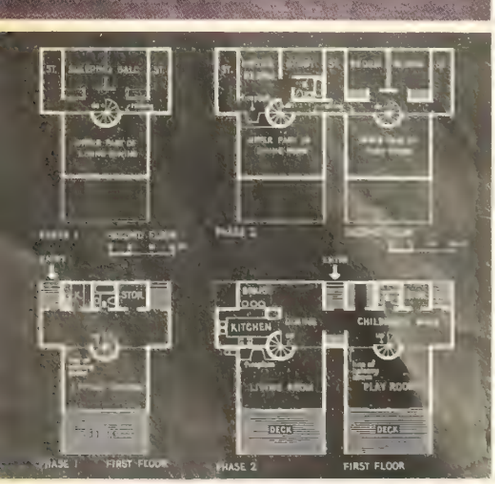






BY SUSAN LEWIN. The wisdom of planning ahead is beautifully illustrated in this country house Architect Myron Goldfinger designed to be built in two stages. Though their growing family (two boys, one girl and one child on the way) now needs a vacation house only for the weekends, John and Carlyn McCaffrey wanted a house that also would have built-in expansion possibilities. The plan (*below*) shows how Goldfinger planned for such additions —giving the McCaffreys insurance that when the time comes to enlarge the house, nothing will be left to chance —until they have the ultimate structure envisioned in the model (*top near right*). For a cost of under $30,000, Goldfinger gave them for their current needs 1,200 square feet of living space built out of top-quality cedar, plus a 200-square foot deck. A wall of sliding glass doors offers a view of nearby Lake Katonah, with the wings on the deck (*near right*) guaranteeing privacy from other houses. Inside, Goldfinger's wife, June, who was responsible for the interiors, created a comfortable living space rich with the warmth of natural materials (*far right*): deeply textured hand-woven woolen pillows with a Greek flokati rug, terra-cotta tile floor and woven willow chairs and sofa.

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A LITTLE HOUSE THAT MAY GROW & GROW





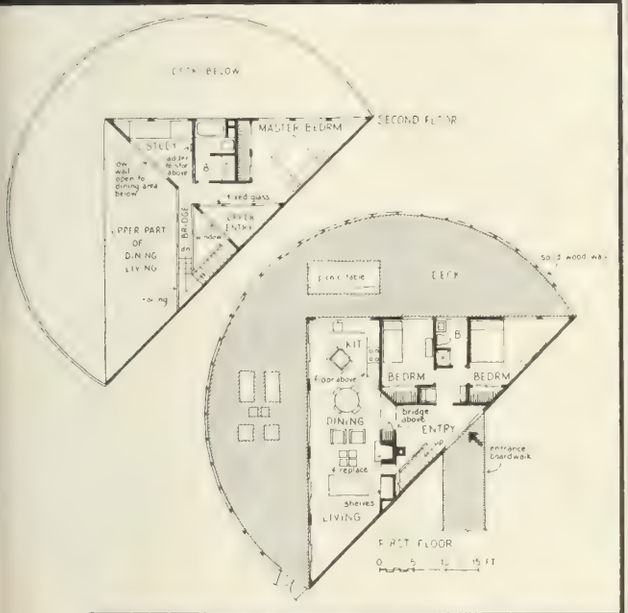
IN DESIGN AND USE, A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

The spiral staircase *(above and right)* at the core of the McCaffrey house will be echoed in the new second wing when it is built. Such continuity of design will extend throughout much of the new modular wing, which will itself be the same shape as the existing wing. But use of the space will naturally be changed when the house is expanded. For example, all the children now sleep in the large loft (below *right*), with its colorful furniture and tile floor. Eventually, both levels in this wing will be entirely converted to the children's use. And the loft will then be partitioned into separate children's bedrooms, as will part of the downstairs, and the rest will be opened up as a giant playroom. The new wing will be entirely for the adults: The loft will be a combination master bedroom/study and the lower space will house the living-dining areas, plus a large new kitchen. And the McCaffreys, who both are attorneys (Carlyn is a tax lawyer and teaches at NYU law school, and John a vice-president of American Airlines), say that when this new wing is plugged into the existing wing, their vacation house just might become their permanent residence.

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PROVIDING ITS OWN Great view

Amagansett, Long Island, is characteristic of many beach communities along the Eastern seaboard. With tiny lots, lack of vegetation and no views, they are more akin to suburbia than seashore; the population is mostly young couples with small children. In this house for Dr. and Mrs. Jeffery Lehr, Architects Stephan Marc Klein, William Cohen and Judy Graf Klein, working in association with Peter Klein, were faced with just such high density and absence of views. So they decided to "provide the house with both privacy and views by building an enclosed semi-circular deck that is treated like a garden and visible from all rooms" (see *plan at center left*). Furnishings are colorful and maintenance-free, with such whimsical touches as a poster showing a snowstorm on the refrigerator block (*left*). Repeating a design influence seen throughout the house, the refrigerator is set at an angle —here to formally divide the kitchen from the living/dining area yet be open to the day-to-day life of the house. *(Continued on page 79)*

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KNIFE, FORK AND

Editor MOLLY SIPLE ☐ Knife. Fork. Spoon. Here, the major types of flatware patterns on the American sterling silver scene. Some are classics; some were innovations for their time; some are simply good design. Flatware was produced in sets only after the Industrial Revolution. Before, knives were the domain of cutlers; spoons and forks were made by silversmiths or jewelers who encrusted them with gems for ceremonial use. Marvin Schwartz, lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, points out that mass production made possible the ornate patterns we think of as "traditional." The swagged, festooned patterns appeared first in the Victorian Age, were received enthusiastically and have proved so popular that variations of these ornate designs still lead the market. Edward Munves, of James Robinson Inc., known for fine handmade silver, says, "The really traditional styles are simple—the single shell motif, the thread or feather pattern." Manufacture led to specialized pieces such as fish forks and ice cream spoons. Dining—and flatware patterns—became increasingly complicated until the crash of 1929, but today, with the relaxation of dining styles, it's almost back full circle to knife, fork, spoon. Pictured, clockwise from the pie slice: Damask Rose, 1946, the first obvious rose in sterling; Oneida. Francis First, 1904, a rich combination of flowers, fruits and leaves festooning the handle; Reed & Barton. James Robinson's Onslow, 1914, totally hand-hammered from a bar of silver. Wallace's Grand Baroque, 1941, the first successful pierced pattern. Stieff's Williamsburg Queen Anne, 1940, traditionally Early American with pistol handle and sway-back blade. Pointed Antique, 1895, a variation on the classic rounded end; Reed & Barton. Gorham's Hispana, 1968, featuring a plain stem with an end motif. Old Newbury Crafters' Newburyport, 1961, with an exceptionally broad bowl. Samuel Kirk's Répousse, 1828, illustrative of the technique of hammering from behind. Towle's King Richard, 1932, the first medallion fiddleback shape with a mirror shape in the center. Old English Tipt, a fiddleback shape dating from 1870; Gorham. Towle's Candlelight, 1934, a basically ornate design sharpened by a smooth panel down the center. International's Vision, 1962, with a solid handle. Oneida's Vivant, 1961, typical of the modern look that became popular in the 1950s and 1960s. Gorham's Chantilly, 1895, a suggestion of Art Nouveau's love of lyrical, tendril-like lines. Tiffany's vermeil Bamboo, winner of a 1966 American Institute of Interior Designers good design award as the first bamboo-patterned full place setting. Oneida's Grandeur, 1960, is one of the most graceful designs of all—its pattern forms the contour of the handle while rosettes punctuate the rhythm of the curves. The pie server, also Old English Tipt, is one of the specialty pieces that has not fallen into disfavor merely to become a collector's item, as have the once-fashionable oyster fork, the fanciful berry spoon or the sugar tongs.

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SPOON
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It's a short run, granted, but you'll find it all through July "playing" every good fruit store and supermarket, coast to coast. Sweet to the taste, fragrant, handsome, it is a native of China (the earliest references go back to 2205 B.C. and the Chinese character for the apricot is *sing*). It spread from there to western Asia, where it was known to the Greeks as early as 287 B.C. Not since the apricot left the Garden of Eden (scholars suggest the apricot, not the apple, was the forbidden fruit) has it reached the perfection attained in California. The modern apricot is a fruit of three dimensions: fresh, canned and dried. Thus, summer's sunshine is available to us year round. We invite you to share with us our delectable recipes and discover the fascinating flavor of the apricot.

ON STAGE ALL THROUGH JULY THE GLORIOUS GOLDEN APRICOT

APRICOT TART

1 baked nine-inch pie shell

Crème Patissière:

4 egg yolks
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup flour or cornstarch
2 cups milk, heated to the boiling point

Combine yolks, sugar and vanilla in a bowl and beat with an electric beater until the mixture "makes ribbons" and turns pale yellow—three to four minutes. Add the flour or cornstarch and beat until smooth. Gradually add the hot milk, whipping constantly. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan, place it over moderate heat and bring up to a boil, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula. Boil five to six minutes, stirring *every second*. Keep a sharp eye out to see that the *crème* doesn't "catch." Now, place a piece of Saran flat on the surface and refrigerate until cold. Makes about three cups.

Poached fresh apricots:

1 cup sugar
½ cup water
2 to 2½ pounds fresh apricots

Combine sugar and water in a large heavy saucepan and stir over low heat until it just comes to a boil. Set aside.

Drop the apricots into boiling water for a few seconds. Then peel, halve and remove pits. As you work, drop the fruit into the hot syrup. Place over moderate heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and poach the apricots until they are just tender when pierced with the point of a knife but still shapely. Lift the fruit from the syrup with a slotted spoon and set aside to cool. Return the saucepan to the fire and cook down until you have a thick glaze. Cool.

To finish the tart: Spread a ½-inch layer of the cold *crème* over the bottom of the baked shell. Arrange the cold apricots on top, dome side up, close together. Spoon a thin glaze of the cooled syrup over the apricots.

APRICOT ICE CREAM

2 cups heavy cream
8 egg yolks
2 thin slices of lemon rind
4 tablespoons sugar
1 12-ounce jar apricot preserves

Combine the cream, egg yolks and lemon rind in the top of a double boiler. Cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, until the custard thickens and will coat a spoon. At this point, take off the heat and stir in the sugar. Taste to determine if it needs more sugar. Discard the lemon rind, seal the surface with Saran and cool.

Meanwhile, take the top off the apricot preserves and place the jar in a saucepan of warm water over low heat until the preserves are melted but not actually hot. When custard is cold, thoroughly stir in the preserves.

Pour into ice cube trays and place in the freezer for about four hours, stirring occasionally. Serves about six.

Note: This makes a creamy rather than a hard ice cream.

APRICOT JAM

3 pounds fresh apricots, peeled, pitted and chopped
6 cups sugar
½ teaspoon of grated lemon rind
2 teaspoons lemon juice

Combine all ingredients in a large (at least four-quart capacity), heavy kettle. Place over medium heat, stirring constantly until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to a boil and boil hard, stirring frequently, until the mixture has thickened—about 20 to 25 minutes. *Note:* The mixture will foam during the cooking. Pour into six eight-ounce sterilized jam jars and seal.

ICED APRICOT SOUFFLE

1 pound fresh apricots, peeled, pitted and cut up
1¼ cups sugar
1 envelope plus 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatine
½ cup water
5 eggs, separated
1 or 2 tablespoons of apricot brandy or Cognac
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Pureé the apricots in the electric blender. Stir in ½ *cup of the sugar*. Sprinkle gelatine on the water to soften. *(Continued on page 74)*

GEORGE DE GENNARO

Fresh Apricot Tart, *inspired by the French, who have always used the fruit with extraordinary imagination.*

Cooking with Helen McCully





FOR SUMMER DRINKS LIGHT AND EASY
TRY MIXING WITH WINE...

By LINDA B. DOWNS □ **The cocktail, as we know it, is a relatively recent creation. But we are certain that there must be, in some marble ruin in the land of the Caesars, at least one pile of dust that originally was a chipped-stone recipe for an early connoisseur's favorite way of mixing fruit juice with his Falernian. If you believe that that's probably so (for there is authoritative evidence that the Romans often flavored their lesser wines with roses, violets, honey and pepper), you'll agree, too, that the cocktail's ancestor may be another of those ancient pleasures lost in the blank spaces of the Middle Ages. And while we don't have any of the Falernian wine to try, there are many others to use in the modern wine-based drinks that make such splendid summer sippers.**

Kir and **Sangria** come immediately to mind—neither that new or that modern in their native Burgundy and Spain, both so popular here the past few years that you undoubtedly have several recipes for them. Perhaps, too, you'll recall that a **Champagne Cocktail** once helped you celebrate a sparkling occasion. Let's not forget either that the **Martini** is made with an aromatized wine—though such drinking men's drinks with mini-portion Vermouth are not really what we had in mind here

In these recipes, we have specified most of the wines we used—not to say that they are the only ones that could be used, but to alert you that if you use another type, you may have to change the measures a bit to suit your own taste. For example, this first one, the **Vermouth Cassis,** might need adjusting to please your palate. This is a real Vermouth-based drink that a friend of ours became quite fond of several years ago. For months, she had to endure our teasing because she never could find a bartender who knew how to make it. One *Late Show* night she had her revenge when Loretta Young ordered it in a 1930s movie, proving it was not a concoction my friend had made up. We don't remember the name of the film, but here's how you make the drink: Pour 3 ounces dry Vermouth and 1 ounce Creme de Cassis into a wine, Old-Fashioned or Whiskey Sour glass. Add two or three ice cubes, fill with Club Soda and stir gently.

A little wine left from the night before? Use it for these hot afternoon pick-me-ups . . . the **Hot Springs Cocktail:** Shake 1½ ounces Dry White Wine, ½ ounce Maraschino Liqueur and ½ ounce Pineapple Juice with a dash of Orange Bitters and cracked ice; strain into a pretty patio glass and decorate with a pineapple spear or a cherry. (With both Blue Nun and Beaulieu Vineyard Pinot Chardonnay 1971, this is light and pleasant. Tested with Hugel Gewürtztraminer, it became a different drink entirely—brisk and non-sweet, one you might enjoy decorating with a slice of cucumber.) . . . or if the wine you have is red, try this **Purple Cooler:** Pour two ounces red wine into a Double Old-Fashioned glass with ¾ ounce Grenadine. Add a cube of ice, fill with Schweppes Bitter Lemon and stir well. (This was fruity and full-bodied with both Frederico Paternina's Banda Azul from Spain and 1971 Caves St. Pierre Gigondas from the Rhône Valley.) For more recipes, turn to "Wine Drinks," as listed on the Contents Page.

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THE GOLDEN APRICOT

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Then stir into the apricot purée.

Beat the egg yolks with *½ cup of the sugar* in the top of a double boiler. Place over simmering water and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens, and stir until the gelatine has dissolved—about 10 minutes. Stir in the brandy and the purée. Refrigerate until the mixture mounds when dropped from a spoon.

Beat the egg whites with salt until they hold soft peaks. Gradually add the remaining ¼ cup of sugar and continue beating until they hold firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Using a wire whip, beat about a third of the meringue into the apricot purée. Then pour the meringue over the purée and fold in with a rubber spatula. Finally, fold in the whipped cream.

Spoon into a one-quart soufflé dish right up to the rim. Refrigerate until firm. Then tie a double fold of kitchen parchment around the mold, extending above the edge by a good couple of inches. Spoon the remainder of the soufflé on top. Refrigerate until firm.

To serve, remove the parchment collar and, if you like, decorate the top with rosettes of whipped cream. Serves 10.

*One can (30 ounces) whole apricots can replace the fresh. Remove pits and purée in the electric blender. *Do not add sugar.* Sprinkle the gelatine over the purée to soften. Then follow recipe as indicated.

Apricot Sherbet

½ pound fresh apricots, peeled, pitted and coarsely chopped*
¼ cup lemon juice (about one lemon), strained
1¾ cups sugar
1 cup water
2 egg whites

Combine apricots and lemon juice in the electric blender and blend at high speed to a smooth purée. Place in a large bowl. Combine *1½ cups of the sugar* and the water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil five minutes. Stir into the purée. Chill.

Beat the egg whites until they hold soft peaks. Gradually beat in the remaining sugar. Continue beating until the meringue holds firm, shiny peaks. Pour the apricot mixture over the whites and fold in with a rubber spatula. Pour into two large ice cube trays. Freeze until firm around the edges (about two hours). Take from the freezer. Dump into a bowl and beat for about one minute. Return to the trays, freeze until firm (about six hours). Makes one quart.

*One can (16 ounces) whole apricots, drained and pitted, can be used instead of fresh apricots. In that case, make the syrup with ¾ cup of sugar and beat the whites with ¼ cup.

Apricot Cream Mold with Apricot Sauce

5 egg yolks
⅔ cup sugar plus 3 tablespoons
1 tablespoon flour
1½ cups milk
7 tablespoons apricot brandy or Cognac
2 envelopes unflavored gelatine
1 pound fresh apricots, peeled, seeded and cut in half*
1 cup heavy cream

Combine yolks, *⅓ cup of the sugar* and the flour in a heavy saucepan. Beat in the milk with a whip. Place over medium heat and cook, whipping constantly, until the custard comes to a boil. Refrigerate until cold.

Sprinkle *1 envelope of the gelatine* over *½ cup cold water;* add *½ cup boiling water* and *⅓ cup of the sugar.* Stir until dissolved. Pour into a 1½-quart mold and refrigerate until *almost* set but still sticky to touch. At that point, arrange the apricot halves on top. Sprinkle remaining envelope of gelatine over ½ cup cold water. Add ½ cup boiling water and stir until gelatine has dissolved. Stir into the cooled custard. Chill until the mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon. Whip the cream with the remaining sugar until it holds firm peaks. Fold into the custard mixture and spoon into the mold. Chill at least four hours.

To serve, unmold and serve with Apricot Sauce.

Apricot Sauce: Combine ¾ of a 12-ounce jar of apricot jam with 6 tablespoons sugar and ½ cup water. Cook over moderate heat for five minutes, stirring constantly. Strain through a fine sieve. Cool, then perfume with apricot brandy or Cognac.

*One can (30 ounces) apricot halves, drained well, can be used in place of the fresh.

Apricot Ping

1 cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
⅛ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup butter or margarine
2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
2 pounds fresh apricots, peeled,* pitted and sliced
1 egg
1 cup granulated sugar
¼ cup boiling water
1 teaspoon vanilla
Heavy cream

Mix flour, baking powder and salt together. Set aside.

Combine the butter and brown sugar in an eight-inch-square baking pan. Place in a preheated 350° oven just long enough to melt the butter. When melted, add the sliced apricots and mix well to coat the slices.

Meanwhile, beat the egg with the granulated sugar in a large bowl until lemon-colored. Stir in the boiling water and vanilla, then mix in the flour until smooth. Spread the batter evenly over the apricots.

Bake in the 350° oven for 55 to 60 minutes or until the crust "pings" when tapped with your fingernail. Serve warm or at room temperature with cream.

*See *directions for peeling at the end of recipes.*

James Beard's Tipsy Apricots

Cover the contents of an eight-ounce package of dried apricots with cold water and bring to a boil. Drain. Place in a quart jar and add enough sherry, Madeira or Port to cover. Seal and allow to stand for several weeks. They can be used as is, combined with other fruits, poached in syrup or poached and puréed for sauces or fillings.

Poached Whole Apricots

18 whole fresh ripe apricots, peeled (*page 75*)
2 cups sugar
2 cups water
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine the sugar, water and vanilla in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about five minutes. Add the peeled apricots and poach until they are just cooked through—about six to eight minutes. Take care not to overcook or they will be mushy. Cool and serve with heavy cream or commercial sour cream. Serves six or better.

Apricot Mousse

¾ pound dried apricots (1½ eight-ounce packages)
½ cup sugar
½ cup or one 3½-ounce can finely slivered blanched almonds
2 tablespoons kirsch
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Place the apricots in a heavy saucepan. Cover with cold water and bring slowly to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook 25 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent the fruit from sticking. Then stir in the sugar and continue cooking for another five minutes. Take off the heat and either force the apricots with all the syrup through a large fine sieve or purée, a small quantity at a time, in the electric blender. Taste. You may need a bit more sugar. Cool.

When cold, stir in the almonds, kirsch and the whipped cream. Spoon into individual *pots de crème* or a large crystal bowl. Chill before serving. Serve with whipped cream to six.

Poached Apricot Halves

18 fresh ripe apricots
2 cups sugar
2 cups water
1 one-inch piece of vanilla bean or 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Halve the apricots. Crack some of the pits and remove the kernels. Combine the sugar and water, bring to a boil and cook five minutes. Add the vanilla, the fruit and the kernels and poach until the apricots are just tender when pierced with the point of a sharp paring knife. (*Do not overcook.*) Refrigerate until cold. Serves six.

Fresh Apricot Kuchen

2 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, cut up
1 pound *fresh* apricots, peeled, pitted and quartered*
¾ teaspoon cinnamon
1 egg
1 cup commercial sour cream
Grated lemon rind (about half a lemon)

Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and *¼ cup of the sugar* together. Add the butter and work into the flour mixture with a pastry blender or two knives until crumbly. Pat an even layer of the mixture over the bottom and half way up the sides of an eight-inch square baking pan.

Arrange the apricots in the shell. Mix remaining sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle over the apricots. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, beat the egg and mix in the sour cream and lemon rind. Spoon over the apricots and return to the oven for 20 minutes or until the topping is set. Serve warm.

**To use canned apricots in place of fresh,* proceed like this: Bake the pastry *without apricots* in 400° oven for 20 minutes. Drain one 30-ounce can of apricot halves well. Arrange the halves in the pastry shell. Sprinkle with ¼ cup of sugar mixed with ¾ teaspoon of cinnamon.

Spread with the topping and bake another 20 minutes.

Apricot Meringue Soufflé

Butter
½ cup slivered toasted almonds, ground
6 egg whites
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup apricot preserves
Apricot Sauce (*page 74*)

Butter a two-quart soufflé dish thoroughly, including the curve at the bottom. Then coat with a couple of tablespoons of the ground almonds. Dump out any excess. Refrigerate.

Combine the egg whites, salt and cream of tartar in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until the whites begin to hold a shape. Then stir in the sugar and preserves. Continue beating until the mixture is very stiff and holds firm, shiny peaks.

Spoon into the prepared soufflé dish and sprinkle the remaining ground almonds over the top. Place in a baking pan. Add enough very hot water (*not boiling*) to reach to half the depth of the baking pan. Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 45 minutes. Serve immediately with the Apricot Sauce.

Baked Ham with Apricot Glaze

Whether a cook-before-eating ham or a fully cooked ham, we bake them exactly the same way, because we're convinced that long, slow cooking improves both the texture and flavor. The Apricot Glaze turns any ham into a gastronomic masterpiece.

Scrape any paper labels off a smoked whole ham, then place the ham, fat side up, on a rack in a roasting pan in a preheated 325° oven and bake for three hours. Take from the oven.

Meanwhile, place a 12-ounce jar of commercial apricot preserves (*not dietetic*), without its cover, in a small saucepan of hot water until the contents have melted. Then push the preserves through a fine sieve to get rid of any fruit pulp.

You will see that there is a thin, lacy brown film on the fat of the ham—this should be pulled off and discarded. With that accomplished, spoon the glaze over the fat on the ham. Return to the oven for another ½ hour to let the glaze set nicely before serving.

How to peel fresh apricots

Drop the apricots in boiling water for a few seconds and the peel will then slip off easily.

How to choose fresh apricots

Look for apricots that are plump and juicy looking with as much golden-orange color as possible. Avoid any dull-looking, soft or mushy fruit or very firm, pale yellow or greenish-yellow fruit or shriveled fruit. It's best to use fresh apricots as soon after purchase as possible.

How to store and/or ripen fresh apricots

If fully ripe, refrigerate but use soon after you buy them.
To ripen, place in a plastic bag with a few holes punched into it along with a very ripe apple, if available. Apples give off lots of ethylene gas, which stimulates unripe fruit to ripen. The bag should not be airtight because fruit breathes—taking in oxygen and giving off carbon dioxide. High concentrations of carbon dioxide can prevent ripening, hence the need for the holes, which help the excess carbon dioxide to escape. Ripen at room temperature if you're in a hurry, in the refrigerator if you have enough time.

When and how apricots are available

FRESH: From late May or early June through early August. It's a very short season, so make the most of it.
CANNED: Whole, peeled or unpeeled, in 16- or 17-ounce cans (six to eight whole apricots) or 30-ounce cans (10 to 12 whole apricots); halves, peeled or unpeeled, 8¾-ounce cans (six to eight halves); 16- or 17-ounce cans (10 to 12 halves), 30-ounce cans (16 to 18 halves). Available year round. The most popular of the canned apricots are the heavy-syrup pack and the water or dietetic pack.
DRIED: Fancy, large apricots usually come in eight-ounce cellophane packages, *occasionally* available "loose" by the pound. Choose these to serve "as is" or as cooked fruit. The medium and smaller, more economical, usually come in 11-ounce packages, are best when recipes "call for" cutting up or puréeing. Store unopened in cupboard. Once dried apricots have been opened, refrigerate tightly covered. They're available the whole year round.

To cook dried apricots

Place fruit in a saucepan. Add sufficient water to cover the fruit by about half an inch. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until fruit is plump and tender—15 to 20 minutes. Since cooking instructions vary from brand to brand, it's a good idea to check instructions on the package before cooking the fruit.

If serving as stewed fruit, sweeten to taste with sugar in last five minutes of cooking. ■



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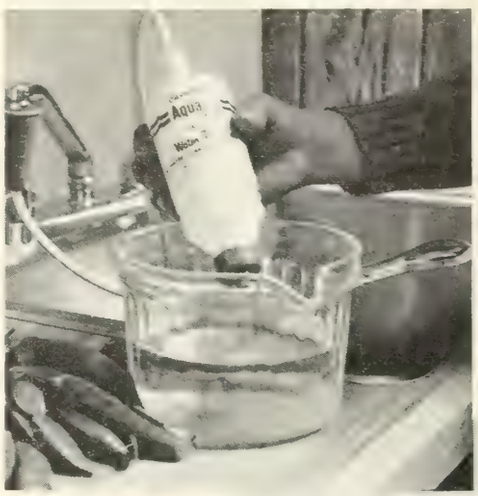
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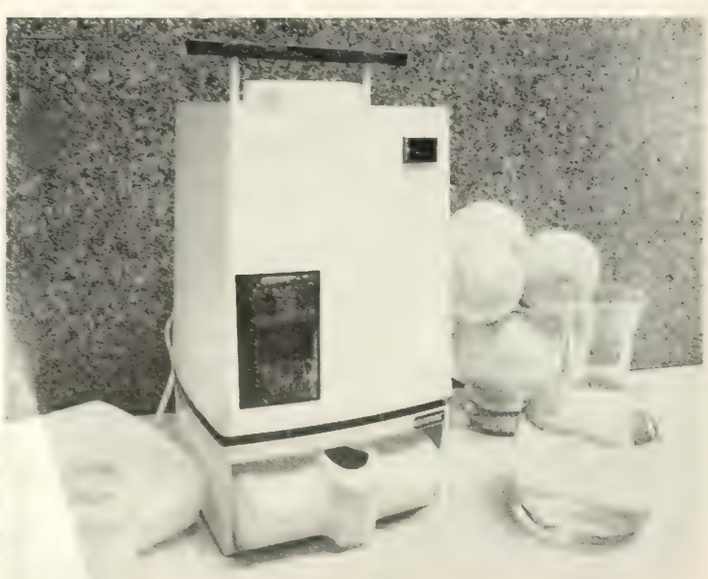
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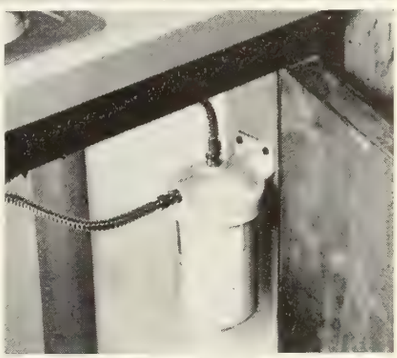


This 100% water distiller (*below*) removes all bacteria, dissolved minerals, metal, chemicals. To use, fill its Pyrex jar with water, put on the finned cover that fits under the smart white plastic housing and plug-in. Thermostat automatically shuts itself off when its purification cycle is complete. Unit meets U.S.P. standards for distilled water. Its squat ½-gallon plastic receiving jugs can be easily stacked in refrigerator. Medi-Tech Hi-Speed Water Distiller, $190. Order from New Medical Techniques, 1700 Summer St., Stamford, Conn. 06905.

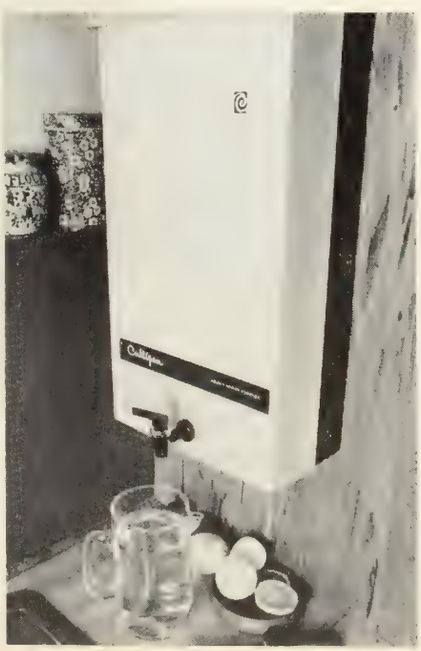


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Handsome wall-type water purifier (*left*) is installed here near a sink, can also be mounted under kitchen wall cabinet. Unit is 19¾ inches high by 10½ inches wide by 5⅝ inches deep, uses a purifying membrane that's closely allied to cellophane to clear water of cloudiness, sediment, make water better for infants and persons on low-salt diets. It's a boon to photo developing process in hobby dark rooms. Culligan's "Aqua I Water Purifier," $198; through local "Culligan Man."



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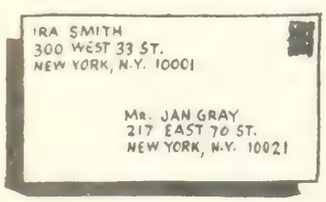
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By HELEN McCULLY

Will gelatine stabilize whipped cream?

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Is there any difference between yellow and green dry beans?

None whatsoever. Just the color. Nutritionally, they are exactly the same and they should be cooked the same way, too, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

Is New Zealand spinach like common spinach?

No. The USDA tells us it thrives in hot weather. In Burpee's seed catalogue, it's called "everlasting spinach" and is described thus: "Strong, heat-resistant, it produces an abundance of fleshy, bottle-green leaves and young stem tips that can be picked repeatedly all during the summer and fall. Botanically, it is *tetragonia expansa* —a native of New Zealand." A fine addition to your garden.

What is buckwheat flour?

The finely ground product obtained from sifting buckwheat meal. Because of their high fat content, both buckwheat flour and buckwheat groats (kernels with the hulls removed) must be used fresh, as they can turn rancid quickly. Small, frequent purchases are recommended. Keep cool and always well covered because insects have a penchant for it. Buckwheat pancakes were very popular at the turn of the century. Serve them with fresh fruit or maple syrup.

What is a pichet?

Literally, it's a jug, pitcher or mug, but in the wine world it means an 18-ounce bottle of wine. Smaller than the standard 24-ounce bottle and larger than the 12-ounce half-bottle, it's an in-between size that's ideal for two wine-loving people.

What are lingonberries?

The "wild cranberries" of the Scandinavian countries are similar in flavor to their first cousin, the cultivated cranberries, but with a different, somewhat more subtle taste. They are imported to the U.S. cooked or mixed raw with sugar and are available in food stores specializing in foreign or, specifically, Scandinavian foods. Broadly speaking, they can be used in much the same way as you would use cranberries, to make sauces, jellies or condiments.

What is strudel?

It's a type of pastry, actually a Viennese specialty, made with flour, water and butter, rolled and stretched into very thin sheets, then spread with fruit, nuts, etc. and baked. The best known is undoubtedly apple strudel or in German, *Apfelstrudel.*

Does skim milk contain all the nutrients of whole milk?

Yes, except the fat content.

How can you tell if shelled nuts are stale?

Taste should give you some clue, but you will see they appear limp, rubbery, dark and shriveled. Fresh nuts are plump, fairly uniform in color and size, say the specialists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To prevent rancidity, refrigerate or freeze.

Is the wax on fruits and vegetables edible?

Yes, and perfectly harmless. The purpose of waxes, the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association tells us, is to reduce evaporation and thus avoid shriveling. It is not, the U.F.F.V.A. points out, in general practice in the industry, since many products are coated by nature with waxy materials that are protective. Grapes, for example, have a bloom that is waxy. Waxes are used mostly on citrus fruits, rutabagas, cucumbers and to a limited extent on peppers, mature-green tomatoes, cantaloupes, honeydews, etc. ■

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From the entry of the Lehr house (*below*), stairs lead directly up to a bridge that allows a full view of the 29-foot ceiling height of the house and of the bright red chairs and white table in the dining area. Continue up these stairs and you are at the studio (*bottom*), which includes sleeping space for one person, and then on to the master bedroom and its wood-paneled bath.





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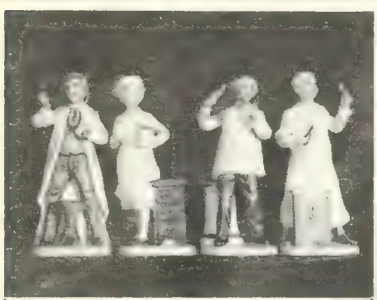


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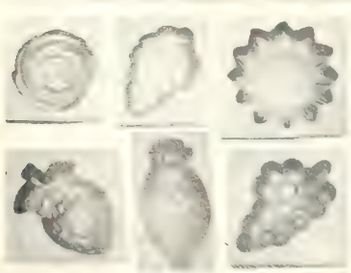
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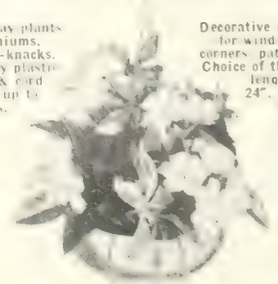
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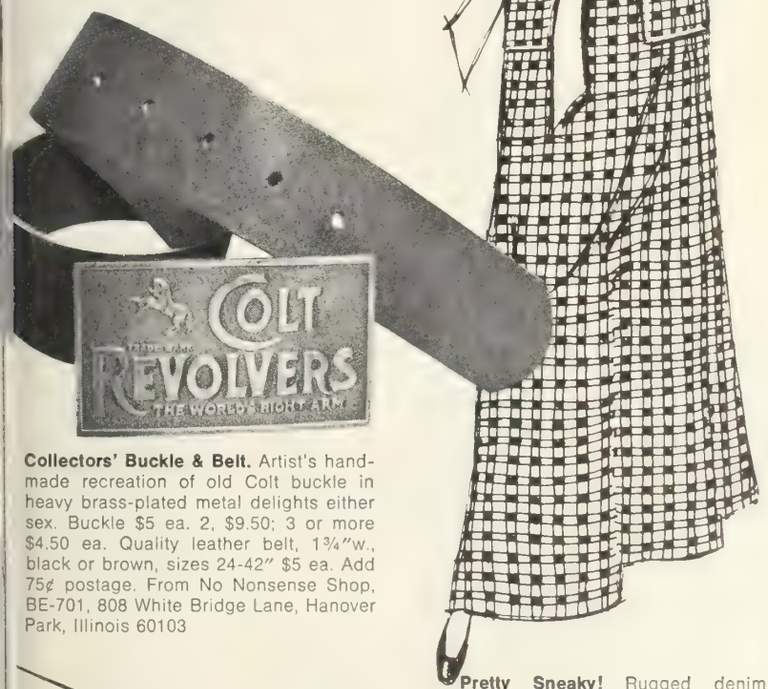
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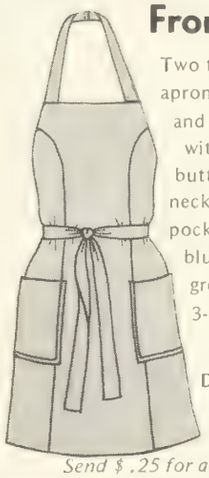


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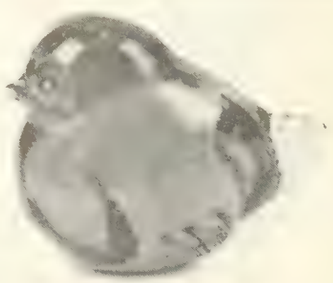
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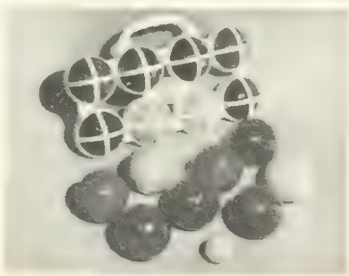
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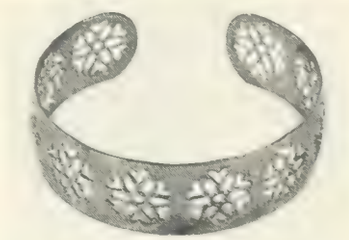
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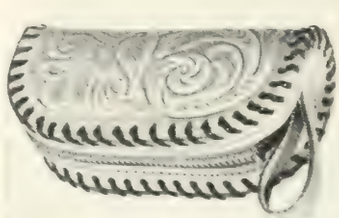
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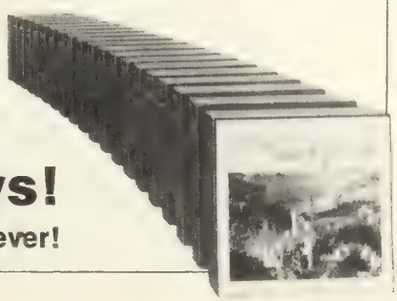
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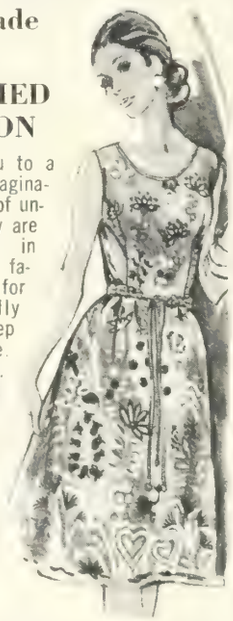
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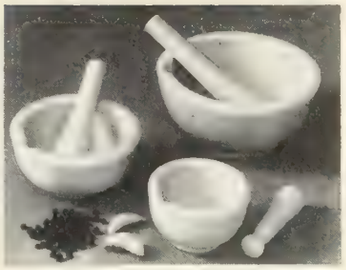
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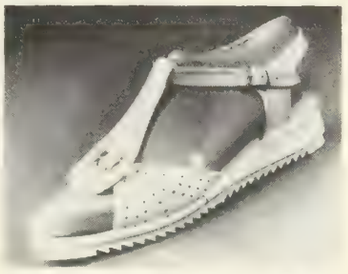
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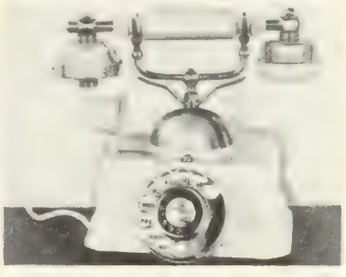
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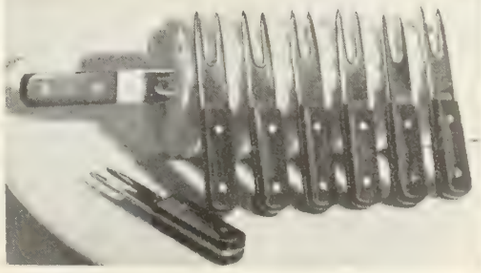
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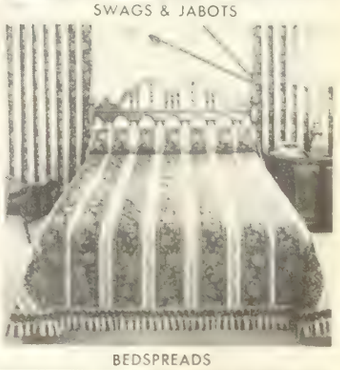
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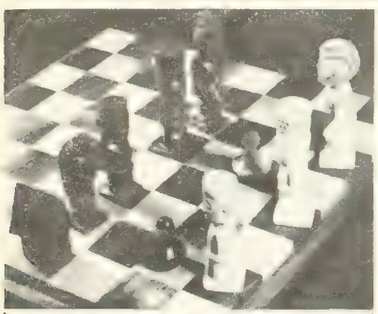
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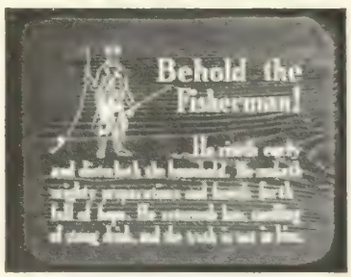
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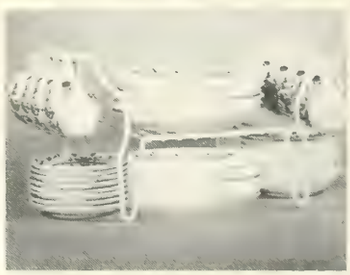
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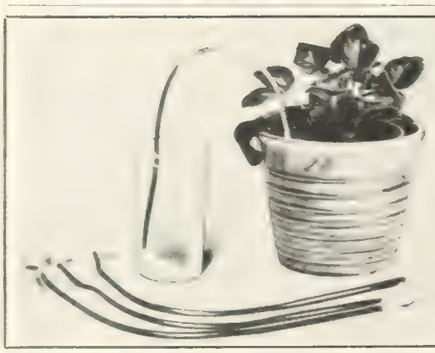
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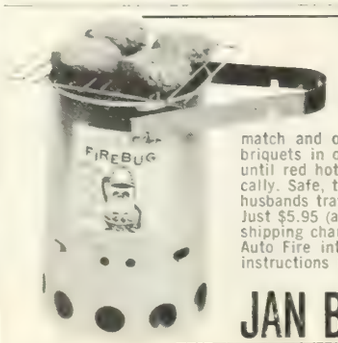


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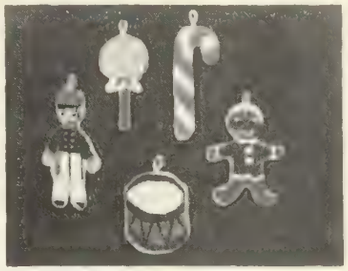
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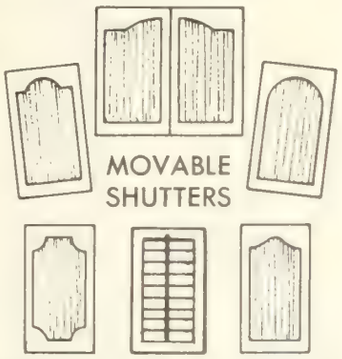
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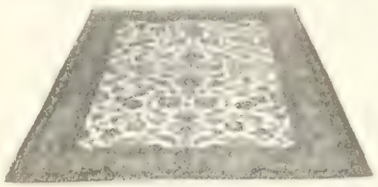


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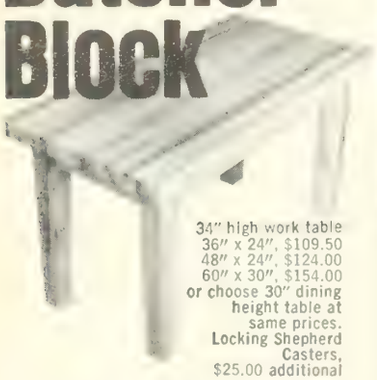
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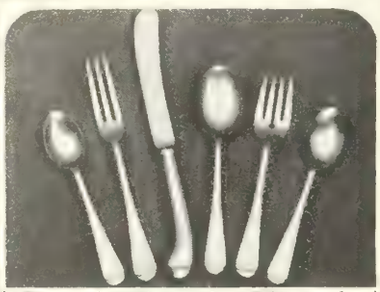


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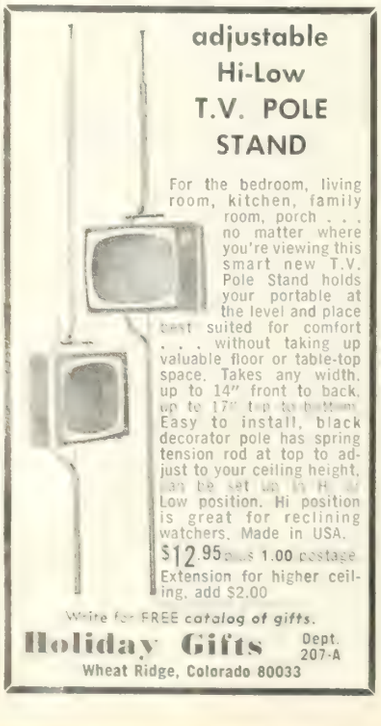


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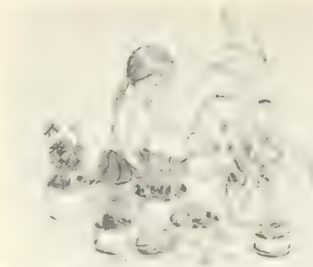
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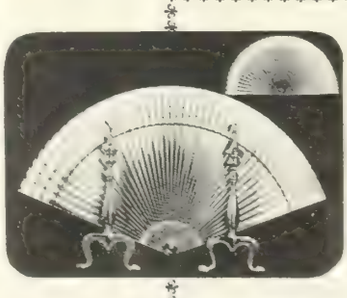
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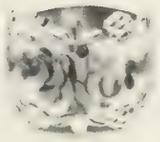
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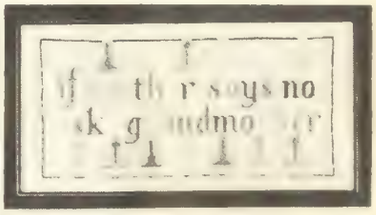
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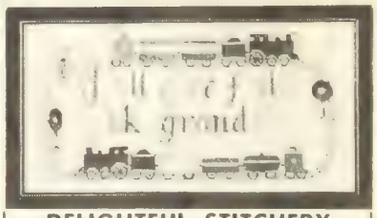
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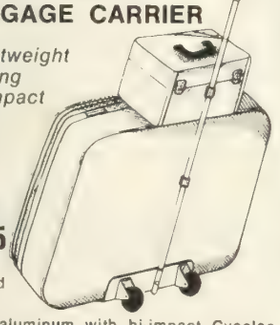
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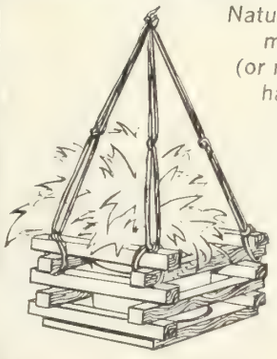
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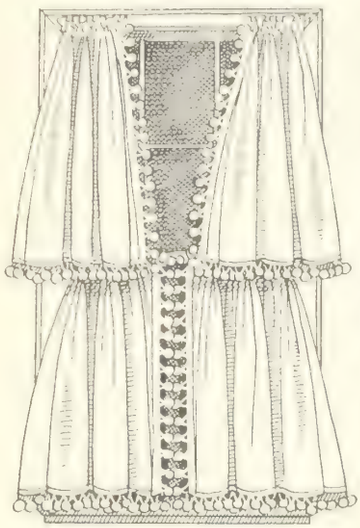
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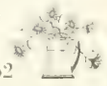


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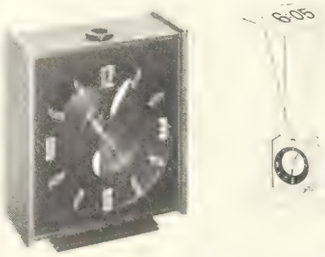
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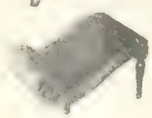
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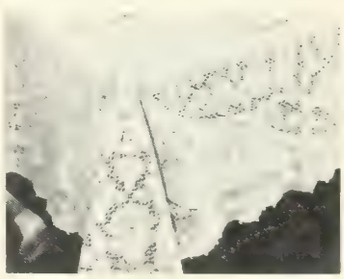
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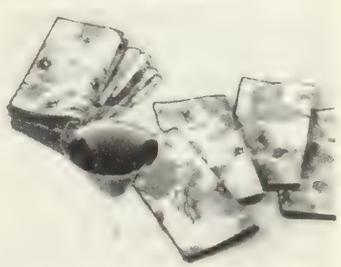
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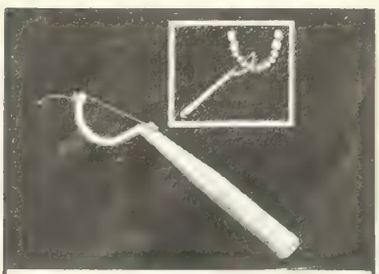
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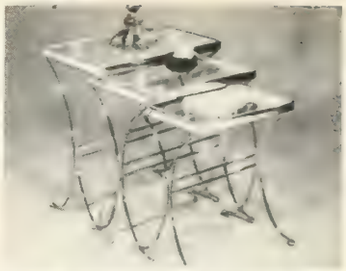
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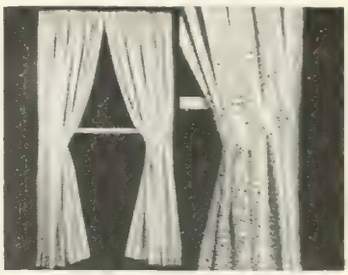
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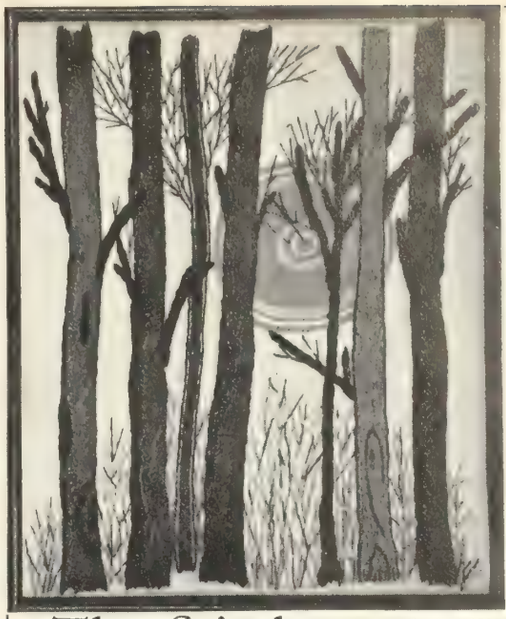


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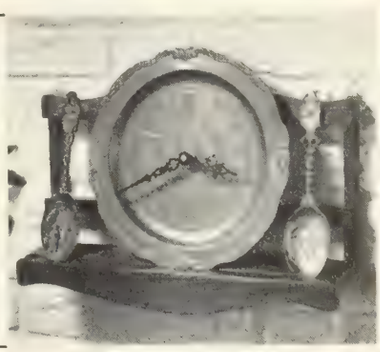
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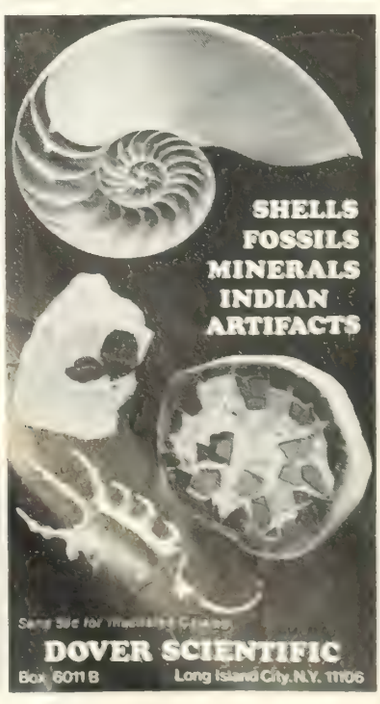
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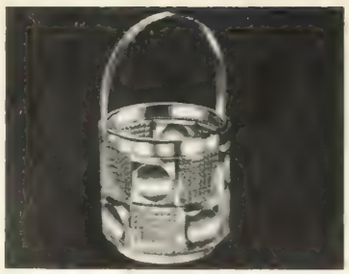


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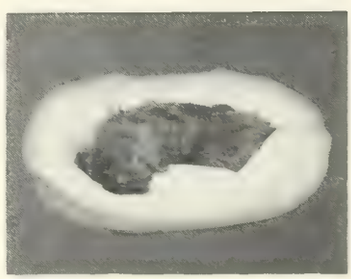
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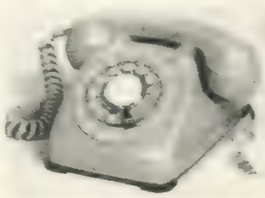


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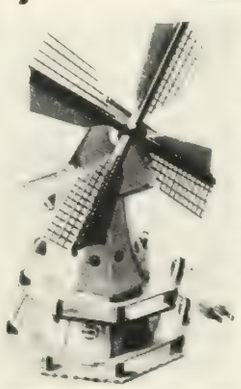
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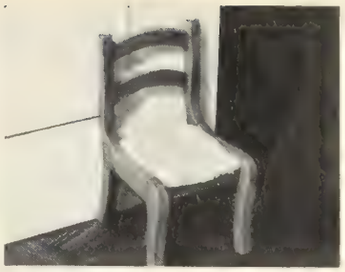
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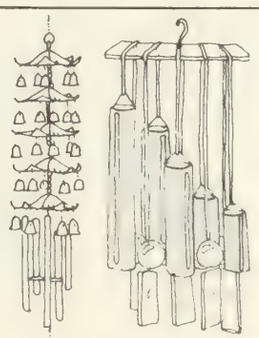
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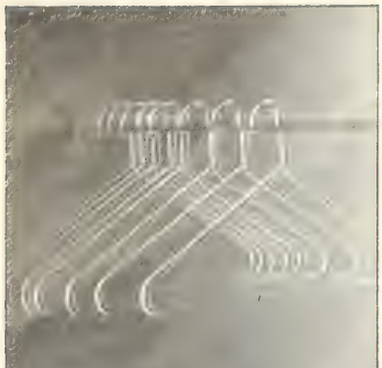
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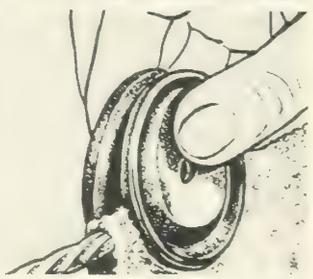
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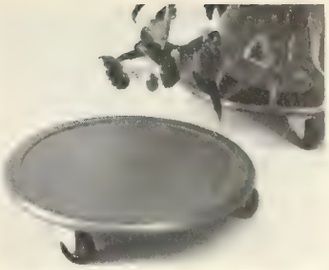
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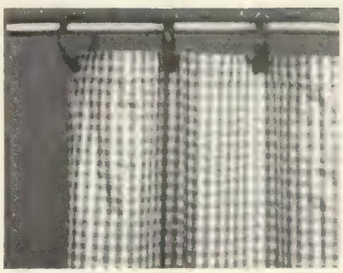
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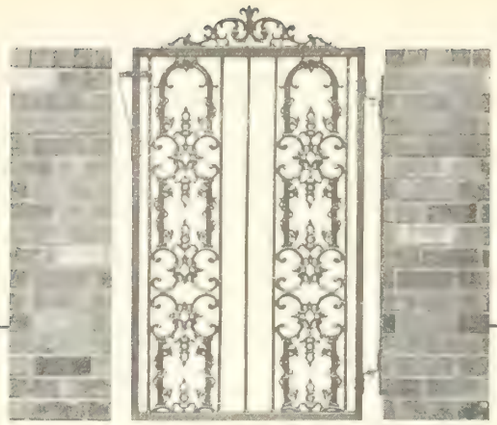
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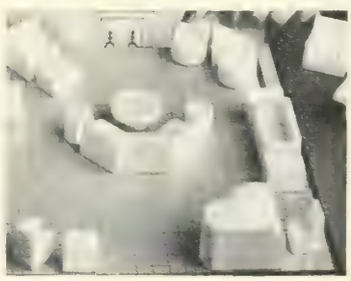
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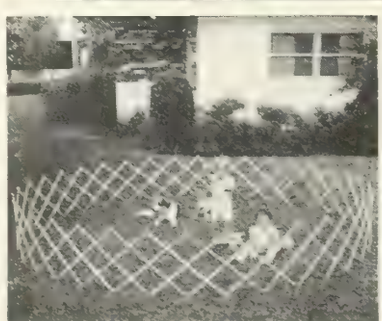
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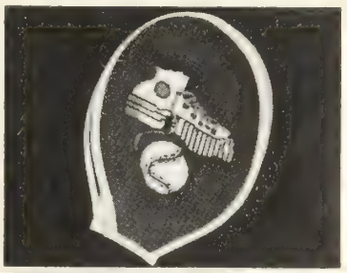
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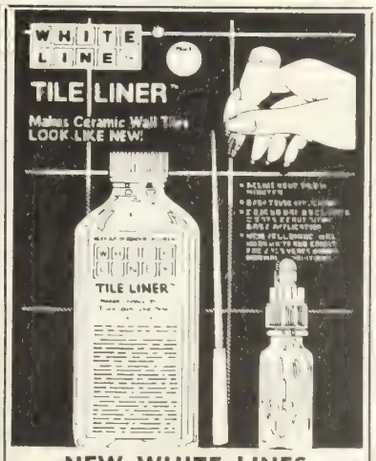
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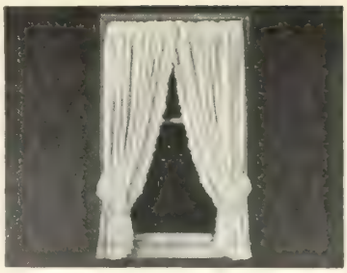


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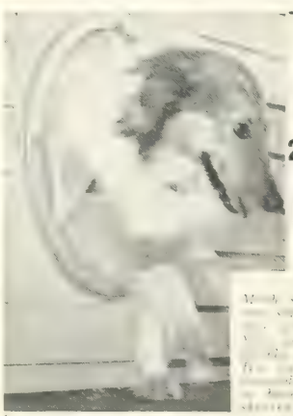
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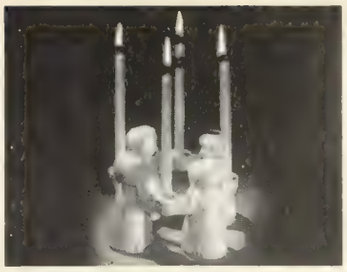


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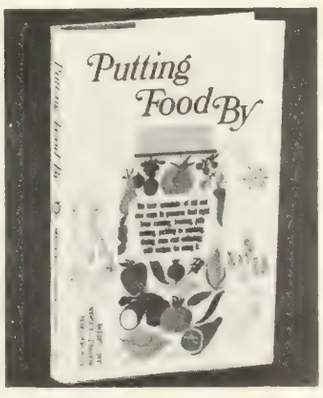
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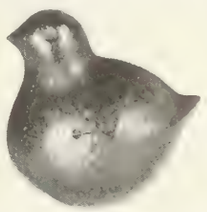




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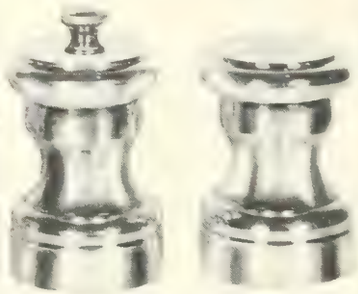
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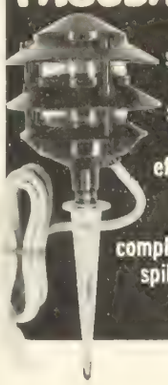
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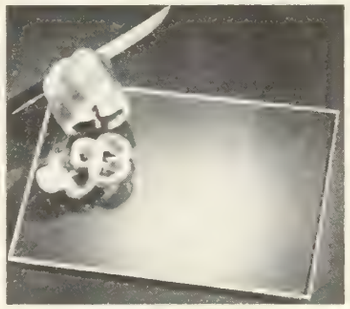
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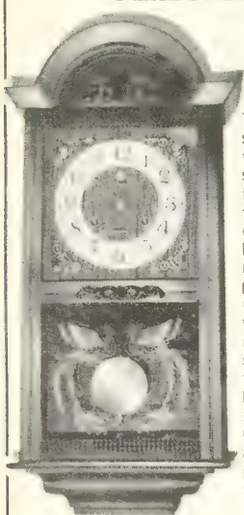
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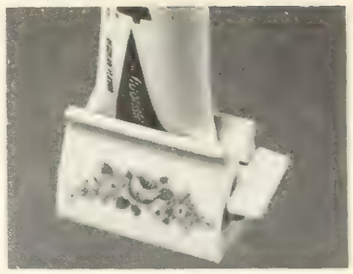
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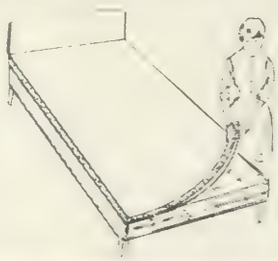
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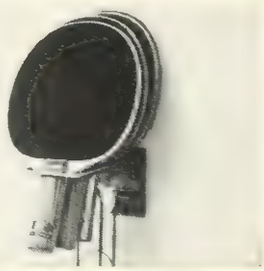
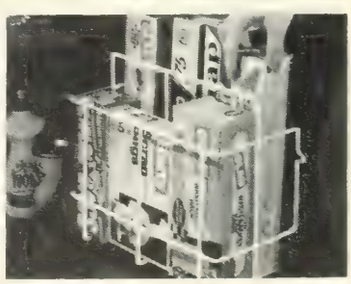
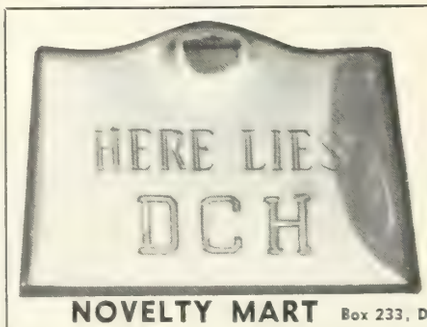


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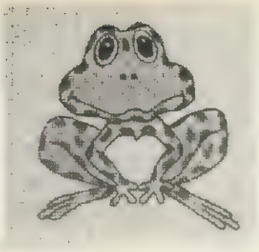
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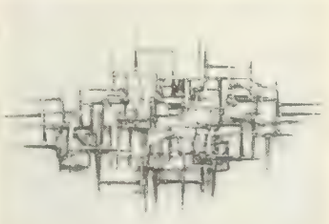
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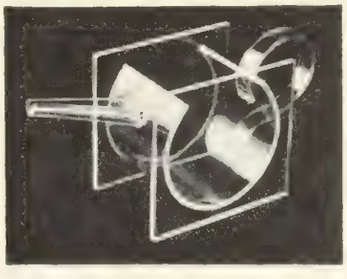
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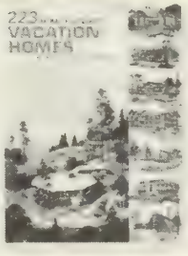
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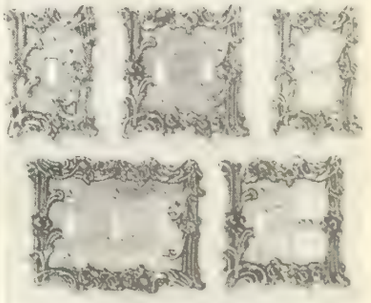


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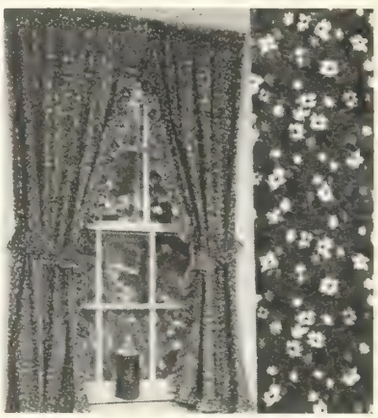
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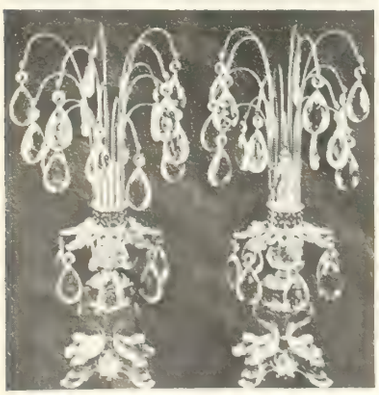
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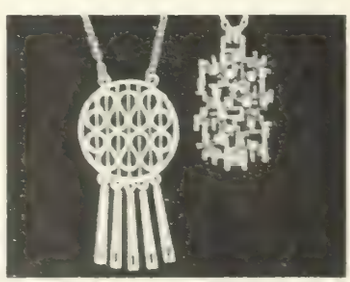
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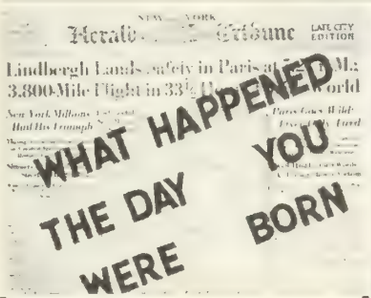
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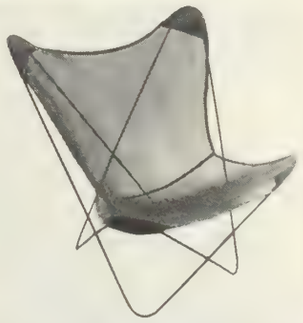
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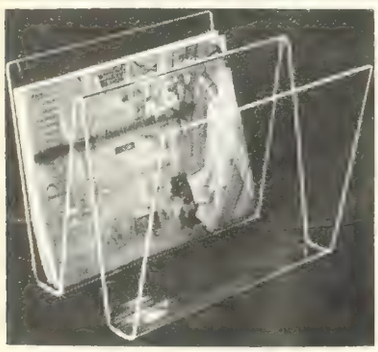
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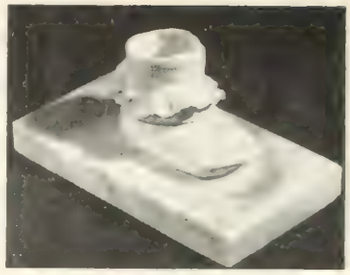
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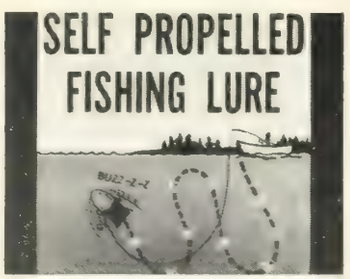
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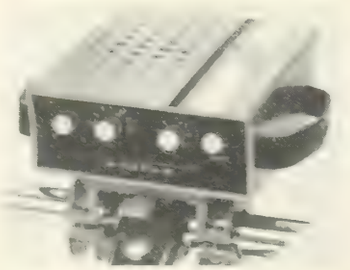
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Pages 24-29—Lang

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Pages 32-35—Kann

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Pages 36-37—Piazza

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Simplicity itself: Pour 3 to 4 ounces of Beaujolais (ours was B&G's 1971 Saint-Louis Beaujolais) into a cocktail glass with crushed ice; fill with Pink Grapefruit Soda and stir gently; if you'd like, garnish with fruit.

A white wine drink with quite a bit of bite is the **Inscrutable Swizzle:** Pour 1 bottle of Wan Fu (that's the Sichel Bordeaux blend made especially to go with Oriental food) into a quart container with a tight-fitting lid. Add 3 to 4 ounces of Lime Juice (Do you like things very sharp or only moderately so?) and shake until well mixed. Pour over cracked ice, filling glass about three-quarters full. Add Club Soda to the top, garnish with a lime slice and drop in a pineapple spear as a swizzle stick. Two to four servings.

But if you like your drinks a little less biting, try this **Pineapple Cooler.** It was made for white wine (our test wine was Bolla Soave), but we also found it good—if perhaps a little sweeter—with Nectarose, an Anjou Rosé: Into a tall glass, put 2 ounces Pineapple Juice, ½ teaspoon Powdered Sugar and 2 ounces Carbonated Water. Stir until Powdered Sugar is dissolved, then fill glass with cracked ice and add 2 to 3 ounces white wine (or Rosé). Fill with Carbonated Water and stir gently. Garnish with a thin spiral of orange or lemon peel, one end dangling over the rim.

Is Sake a wine or a beer? Whichever you think, it makes a super take-along-to-the-beach drink called **Sake 'N Surf:** Into a gallon container, pour 1 bottle of Sake, 1 quart chilled Orange Juice and 2 quarts chilled Grapefruit Juice. Stir well, then sweeten to your taste.

If you enjoy **Sangria,** you might like to try this Italian version this summer: Mix 1 bottle of Chianti (we used Ruffino) with 4 ounces of Liquore Galliano, the juice of 1 orange and the juice of 1 lemon in a large pitcher—at least two quarts in capacity. Add slices of lime, lemon and orange and stir. Let stand until ready to serve (up to two or three hours is fine), then add a tray of ice cubes and stir until cold. Pour in a 12-ounce bottle of Club Soda and gently stir again. About eight to 10 servings.

The sparklers—Champagne and its Italian sister, Asti Spumanti—are also terrific for mixing. Any of these can be made long or short, but all are best if the sparkling wine is well chilled. We used Asti and Brut Champagne; you might use sweet Champagne instead of the Asti. Pour the other ingredient over cracked ice, then add the sparkler and stir very, very gently. Taste and if you think it's needed, add a squirt of lime juice or lemon juice. Try one part of Kahlua to four parts Asti; one part Regnier Cranberry Cordial to three parts Asti; one part Elixir of Williams Pear Liqueur to four parts Asti; one part Galliano to six parts Brut Champagne; one part Vandermint to five parts Brut Champagne. ■

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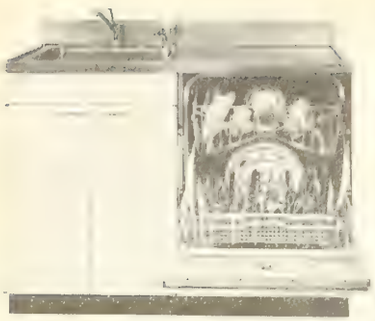
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The artistry of Barbra Streisand pervades a magical personal world alive with design treasures. "I simply love beautiful things," says Miss Streisand, and her telling eye has made her California home a shining example of the pursuit of the beautiful—from the stunning Art Deco projection room on our cover to the magical Art Nouveau entry that begins our pictorial visit on page 26. Cover photograph by Bill Helms.

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By MARION GOUGH □ Proud as Punch of her new breakfront, Rita Lemans, wife and mother of three, could hardly wait to fill its shelves with crystal. She did, and a few days later, was horrified when the shelves and all her crystal smashed to the floor. Since no one expects breakfront shelves to be that delicate, she complained at once to the store. The retailer agreed the shelf brackets were defective, but disclaimed responsibility. "The manufacturer must accept the blame," he argued.

So she wrote the manufacturer; waited two weeks for a reply; received none; wrote again and still heard nothing. (Later, it was discovered her letters were routed to the wrong department.)

Increasingly irate, Mrs. Lemans, wondering where to turn next, was advised by a friend to write FICAP, the Furniture Industry Consumer Advisory Panel, in High Point, N.C. 27260. This she did, telling her story in precise detail, including a copy of the bill of purchase, retailer's name, manufacturer's name and style number of the broken breakfront.

She discovered what not many people yet know. The furniture, appliance, carpet, home building, remodeling and food industries, reacting to the swelling consumer movement, have set up effective complaint-handling panels within their industry association. And it seems to be working. It certainly did for Mrs. Lemans.

FICAP took over, relayed the complaint to the manufacturer who sent a representative to view the remains of breakfront and crystal, and the happy end of the sad story was that the manufacturer replaced the breakfront and reimbursed Mrs. Lemans for her lost crystal. All ended amicably and without delay, but if Mrs. Lemans and the manufacturer had not been able to come to an agreement, the case could still have gone for further consideration to FICAP's seven-member panel made up of a furniture expert, a home furnishings retailer, a housewife, two home economists, a marketing man and a member of the city consumer protection commission of New Orleans. The panel is ready to hear the stickier, less clean-cut cases and to work out compromise solutions. Since FICAP's start in November 1973, more than 200 complaints involving furniture have been satisfactorily ironed out—and most without benefit of panel.

What actually is FICAP? It's a program of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, aimed at making it easy for consumers to speak up should products or services of member manufacturers go awry. It is designed to give the final user of its products a fair hearing if he thinks the furniture didn't work out as it should have.

In fact, industry is now educating the public on how to complain. It is trying to keep complaints in the family, so to speak, in a customer-retailer-manufacturer context, before a grievance blows up into a federal case, or before a consumer who doesn't know how to complain accepts his lot with the grim vow never again to buy a product made by the X Mfg. Co.

This kind of complaint machinery is organized on the premise that the best advertisement is a satisfied customer—a concept that must have been lost in the shuffle some time back, else this new consumerism wouldn't have started. It can also be construed as industry's effort to forestall what it envisions as a potential overdose of governmental regulations which dissatisfied consumers are quite capable of bringing about. However you look at it, the consumer at long last is beginning to be regarded more as a Powerful Katrinka than a Casper Milquetoast.

Three-year-old MACAP, the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 60606, is the young grand-daddy of the home furnishings industry's consumer programs. It's supported by the *(Continued)*

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By WALTER DILLON □ Angered at their builder's refusal to correct what appeared to be a leaky basement, a young Cleveland couple would not go to settlement for their new house.

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Both parties consulted their attorneys. The purchasers' attorney told them that even if they were in the right, it might take months to recover their deposit in court, and that his fee would eat up a good portion of the deposit. The builder's attorney told him that even if he were right, it would take months to get a court to force the purchasers to go to settlement on the house.

Fortunately for both sides one of the attorneys suggested they submit the dispute to an impartial third party to arbitrate. They did, and after a hearing, the purchasers were ordered to take title; the builder was ordered to post a bond guaranteeing dryness in the basement. The total time between dispute and settlement was three weeks. The total cost to each was a small fraction of what a court trial would have cost.

According to officials of the American Arbitration Association, a nonprofit organization with over 35,000 arbitrators throughout the country, more homeowners are utilizing arbitration. This is *(Continued on page 7)*

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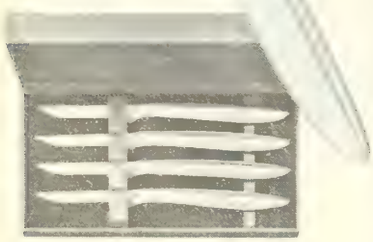
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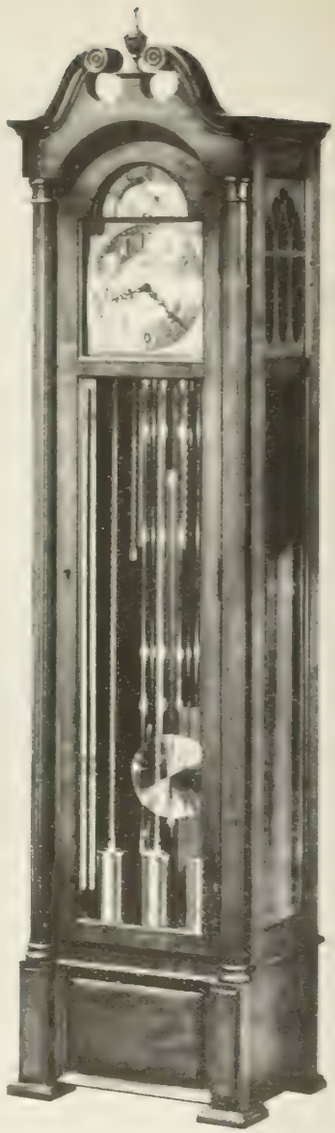
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CRICAP, The Carpet and Rug Institute Consumer Action Panel, Dalton, Ga. 30720, is set up by the Carpet and Rug Institute to tackle complaints about carpets after the customer has gone the retailer-to-manufacturer route and is still unhappy.

Many manufacturers are moving firmly and positively to counter complaints. Here are a few that deserve mentioning:

Kroehler Mfg. Co., Naperville, Ill., issues its own Quality Commitment to every customer who buys a piece of their upholstered furniture. This is a five-year warranty against defects in workmanship and construction, and a one-year warranty against mattress or fabric failure. Moreover, the company clearly spells out "normal use" for its products, aiming at better education of the public, and concurrently is stepping up its dealer-education program to prevent retail salesmen from overselling. Bless them.

Appliance makers have set up complaint "hot lines", some of them toll-free: Westinghouse, (800) 245-0600; Whirlpool, (800) 253-1301. Not toll-free: Admiral Corp., (201) 933-9000. Write Consumer Information Center, Maytag Co., Newton, Ia. 50208; Caloric, Topton, Pa. 19561. Call General Electric Co. at (502) 452-3484, or write Customer Care Service, General Electric, Appliance Park, Louisville, Ky. 40225.

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For homeowners who think their builders haven't given them a fair shake, the National Association of Home Builders has been organizing a Warranty Insurance Program which, in essence, is a ten-year warranty against structural defects in a house built by a participating member of the association. Local Councils of the association have set up, or are setting up, machinery whereby the dissatisfied can present their cases for conciliation or eventual arbitration.

The National Home Improvement Council, whose 1500 members deal in the remodeling of homes, is out to rid the industry of "shlocky home improvers" that fast-talk innocent consumers into buying inept remodeling jobs. The Council has been influential in getting the new Federal Trade Commission regulation that permits a consumer to cancel a hastily signed remodeling contract within three days. And if the over-eager remodeler dumps the building materials on the scene, hoping that this will force the homeowners to accept the contract, the materials become the property of the homeowner if they are not removed in 15 days. Under consideration by the NHIC is a Home Improvement Minute Man program which will clear consumer complaints in its 30 local chapters.

As for what the consumer doesn't like about what he eats, the American Meat Institute, 1600 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209, has a department of Consumer Affairs which will look into complaints. Same with the National Canners Association, 1133 20th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

BEFORE YOU SUE

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true not only for the disputes they have with builders, but also for the disputes with repairmen, remodelers, and even appliance dealers and similar service men.

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in today's courts, arbitration provides the answer for many of these time-consuming disputes.

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The Association then sends to the homeowner and the builder a list of names from the roster of available arbitrators. The list may include architects, engineers, lawyers, or even other builders—a distinct advantage over a court where the judge or the jury may have no expertise in such matters.

The two parties select those on the roster who are acceptable to them. (This is usually done by each party striking off the names of those unacceptable, and then an official of the Association appointing one of the remaining as arbitrator. In most cases the arbitrator serves without compensation.) A mutually convenient day is selected and an informal hearing is held at which both parties are given an opportunity to present their side of the case. Strict rules of evidence are not enforced.

The arbitrator makes his or her decision, mails it to the A.A.A., which transmits it to the parties, and the case is closed. There is no appeal in the arbitration process itself, although occasionally parties appeal arbitration awards in the courts. In most of these cases, the award is upheld by the court, since the majority of states have statutes which recognize arbitration as legally binding. The courts will strike the award only if the arbitration is proven fraudulent, or the arbitrator is found to be partial or has exceeded his power.

Arbitration, unlike litigation, derives its jurisdiction from the consent of both parties to be bound by the arbitrator's decision. This can be accomplished by including the following clause in a sales contract or warranty: "Any dispute arising out of this contract shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon the award may be entered in a court having jurisdiction thereof."

Even if the parties to a dispute have not entered into a prior agreement to arbitrate, there is nothing to prevent them from agreeing to submit the dispute to arbitration. A contractor threatened with a law suit is just as anxious as a homeowner to settle the matter of difference between them as inexpensively and quickly as possible. Should you want more specific information about arbitration, write to the American Arbitration Association, 140 W. 51st St., New York City 10020.

crafts

Where is the line drawn between crafts and art today? Indistinctly at best. People are collecting and museums are showing crafts in a way that not so long ago was reserved for paintings, sculpture and maybe a tapestry or two.

A clear indication of what's happening is found in a special exhibition currently being held in Canada. It is a tribute to craftsmen all over the world. Under the show theme, "In Praise of Hands," this is the first World Crafts Exhibition, and features the work of craftsmen from 56 countries. Some of the pieces have obviously evolved from traditional ethnic and folk origins. Others are more contemporary, free-association expressions. Included are textiles, ceramics, glassware, jewelry, needlework and wood objects to name a few.

Organized by the World Crafts Council and sponsored by the governments of Canada and Ontario, along with Benson and Hedges of Canada, this exhibition is the first to bring together the handiwork of so many nations. The sheer scope of the exhibit tells much of the breadth of the word "craft" today.

A book, also called **In Praise of Hands**, is published by the New York Graphic Society in association with the World Crafts Council ($17.50 until December 26, 1974; $19.95 thereafter) to coincide with the exhibition. In the book are many fine illustrations of objects from the exhibit. Octavio Paz, Mexican poet and philosopher, writes in the introduction:

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"A glass jug, a wicker basket, a coarse muslin *huipil*, a wooden serving dish: beautiful objects, not despite their use-



The exhibition, "In Praise of Hands," features the crafts of many countries. Above, one of the U.S. representatives, Jon Brooks, has hand-carved his Franklin Chair out of black walnut, finished with Danish oil and wax. Below, Fred Smith, from Australia, has laminated red cedar into a square-based bowl.





Above, from the Bale province of Ethiopia, the typical basket craft here takes the form of a milk container, decorated with wood and leather.

fulness but because of it. Their beauty is simply an inherent part of them, like the perfume and the color of flowers. It is inseparable from their function: they are beautiful things because they are useful things. Handcrafts belong to a world antedating the separation of the useful and the beautiful."

The exhibition, which includes demonstrations of various crafts, will continue at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto until Sept. 2, 1974.—ANNE OGDEN

letters

I read with interest James DeLong's article on the wood "shortage" in the March issue. He cites "massive pressures from preservationist organizations" on the "beleaguered national foresters." Nowhere does he mention the massive pressures from private industry to overthrow the Multiple Use Act that presumably accounts for the Forest Service's "self-imposed environmental protection guidelines" on 25,000,000 acres. Not mentioned either is the well-publicized fact that wilderness areas are now being rationed for visitor use, reflecting a greatly increasing demand from the public for such areas. Or how about reference to massive exports to Japan? I

insight

feel it is only proper for such an article to be written by someone willing to produce all the facts.—T.N., Studio City, Calif.

It seems like forever that I have been purchasing HB and enjoying it. Each month there is something prettier than the month before. My only complaint is that in all the years of looking, I have never really seen anything that would be adaptable to just an ordinary home like ours. However, I do want you to know that even though my home could never look like those you show, the magazine has afforded me many pleasant dreams of what could be.—Mrs. D.R.F., Trenton, N.J.

I have enjoyed your magazine for years, but my husband says it only gets me in trouble.—Mrs. P.G.A., Raleigh, N.C.

I want to tell you how modernistic you have become. In the April issue on page 81, you show a room so full of various designs, I got a headache just looking. I'd hate to be a guest in that room. Pages 82 and 83 show beautifully handled patterns—so soft and enjoyable. Pages 84, 85 and 86 are unbelievably busy. It makes me wonder if the factories are overstocked. I am very fond of fabrics. I cannot resist a beautiful material and have several chests full. But tenting a ceiling? How could that be dusted? I have had your magazine for years, but much of what you show is not what the average (or above-average) person would create. Yet, pages 88, 89 and 90 are something you could live with.
—Mrs. R.B., Newark, Ohio.

address book

Decoupage is attributed first to the poorer gentry among 17th Century Venetians who aspired to the richly painted and gilded furniture of their more affluent neighbors. Their pasting and varnishing became known as *l'arte del povero*, or "the poor man's art." But it was Marie Antoinette who made this avocation fashionable. Her fancy caught by the Venetian art, the French queen snipped and pasted her own prints, and *decouper*, meaning to cut out or cut up, was soon the rage of her court. So it is from the French that the word, decoupage, comes. For present-day devotees of this art, here are sources.—JEAN BAKER

Adventures in Crafts, Inc., 218 E. 81st St., New York City 10028, run by Dee Davis and Dee Frankal, has a large assortment of decoupage supplies and objects to decorate. For example: raw wood boxes in 140 different styles, lamps, cannisters, ginger jars, small Rococo shelves. Then there are prints from all over the world, along with everything in imprinted papers, trims, paints, varnishes, gold and marbelized leaf. Ordinarily, they do not accept mail order. The exceptions: a commemorative plaque kit (birth, graduation, wedding) $6.95; collectors' boxes, $3.95; three dimensional kits from $3.95 to $8.95; instruction manuals, and **Contemporary Decoupage** by Thelma R. Newman ($3.95), which discusses new plastic materials along with new and traditional decoupage processes.

The Harrower House of Decoupage, 37 Carpenter St., Box 502, Milford, N.J. 08848, is basically a mail order source for supplies. The shop was started by Dorothy Harrower in 1957, a year prior to publication of her book, **Decoupage**, available from the above address for $4.95. One dollar for the Harrower catalog is deductible from a minimum $5 order. Catalog includes numerous items to decorate, a wide range of reproduction prints, and a complete list of decoupage supplies. For those living in the area, there are classes given at the shop from time to time.

Although the array of prints available from the sources named above is quite wide, you may want to search out your own. Antique shops, flea markets and thrift shops are frequently sources for the unexpected. To obtain antique prints and prints from old books, you might try one of the following:

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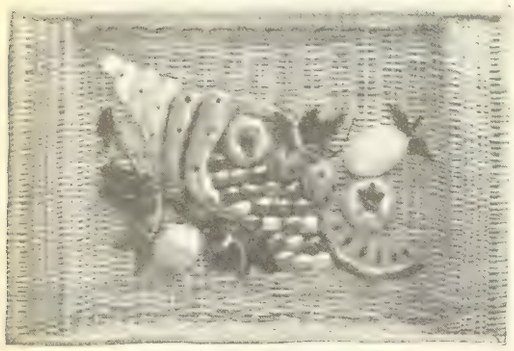
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books

■ Here is a good basic book that will be helpful to anyone planning to remodel a kitchen. **How to Build and Buy Cabinets for the Modern Kitchen** by Robert P. Stevenson (Arco, $10) includes more than the title suggests: kitchen layouts, appliance choices, good lighting, accessories, detailed storage—everything to do with a smooth-working kitchen. You'll find it a do-it-yourself classic, with numerous easy-to-follow, full-page working drawings, and many money-saving ideas.

■ If you have no space for a loom but really want to weave, get a copy of **The Off-Loom Weaving Book** by Rose Naumann and Raymond Hull (Scribners, $8.95). This book explains the non-loom possibilities for all kinds of weaving from baskets to tapestries, clearly illustrated with diagrams. Instructions for fringes, tassels and braids are included, and specific instructions are given for such projects as pillows and handbags. With a simple portable frame the weaver can make blankets, rugs, clothes, hangings, household accessories. This is a good book to get you started.

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The Needlepoint Workbook of Traditional Designs by Cecelia Felcher (Hawthorn, $12). A fine selection of traditional motifs for the needlepointer to follow, with excellent graphs alongside each photograph.

Residential Designs, edited by David E. Link with original design contributions by Architect John D. Bloodgood (Cahners, $14.50) is directed at building professionals. But the sketches and text are so clearly presented that the book turns out to be a useful guide for homeowners. Bath and kitchen remodeling concepts are included, for example, along with a fistful of storage ideas.—HELEN BRIGGS

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Never forget an elephant . . . Lucy, the famous six-story wood and tin elephant at Margate, N.J., "the only elephant in the world you can go through and come out alive," joins the heartening annals of historic landmark preservation. Built in 1881, this rare example of an American Victorian folly, in her heyday a magnet for all visitors to Atlantic City, was condemned to demolition in 1969 but had a last-minute, cliff-hanger rescue when two local couples, the Carpenters and the Harrons, whipped up enough local enthusiasm and money (cake sales, flea markets, bumper stickers, bingo games) to buy her and move her two blocks inland to what is envisioned as a children's park. Lucy's Gothic Revival interior, now braced in steel, will become a museum of Jersey Shore history. Elephant-lovers from all over have already helped to match a federal matching-fund grant, but the project needs a lot more financial rallying round. Remembering that an elephant never forgets, you might contribute to The Save Lucy Committee, P.O. Box 3082, Margate, N.J. 08402.—MARION GOUGH

A rose in bloom

—may need some help from you

By ELVIN McDONALD □ If ever there was a hassle-free flower, it is today's hybrid rose. For this very reason, more of us are growing more roses than ever before. Certainly anybody can plant a rose, but growing it may evoke some questions. So I've asked William Warriner, director of research for Jackson & Perkins Co., to answer some of the most frequent queries.

In general, Warriner says, "You find that a rose problem is almost always a reflection of the plant's environment. Bad drainage, too little water, poor soil preparation, insects, even disease—all are environmental conditions that can be successfully countered or avoided.

"The first line of defense against any rose problem is a strong, healthy plant. A little advance preparation, such as the addition of peat moss or well-composted organic material to the soil before planting, also should be a help."

Now to specifics. . . .

Q. *Why are new roses sometimes slow to start?*

A. The plants may have been allowed to dry out before or after planting. Soak the entire plant for 24 hours before planting and keep canes moist after planting by shading with moist burlap. If the cause is insufficient water, then prepare the soil before planting by adding peat; one part to three parts soil. Soak, let percolate, resoak.

Q. *Why does new rose foliage die or appear stunted and somewhat off-color?*

A. Excessive salts from overfertilizing could be the cause. Use no chemical fertilizer around the roots. Water heavily twice—first to put salts in suspension, second to leach salts from soil. The symptoms you describe might also be caused by lack of water. In that case, add peat moss and mound a basin around the bush; soak, let percolate, resoak. Or they could be from very alkaline soil. For that, add acid peats or soil sulfur; use acid-type fertilizers.

Q. *What causes spindly roses with few or no blooms?*

A. It is likely your location is too shady or the soil is not rich enough and needs regular fertilizing plus a foliar feeding. The bushes should get at least six hours of sun a day.

Q. *My roses have plenty of buds but they fail to open properly. Why?*

A. Cool nights or dark, wet weather can result in a half-open condition called "balling." Cut bloom as soon as it starts to ball to allow for new growth.

Q. *What causes dark black spots with a surrounding yellow area on the leaves? (Rather quickly, they turn pinkish yellow and fall off.)*

A. Black spot disease. It thrives in damp weather and prefers light colors such as yellow. Reds are less susceptible. Spray every 10 days or after rain. Avoid overhead sprinkling.

Q. *I find white or gray powdery substance on my rose leaf buds and canes. One of the first signs is curled leaves. What am I doing wrong?*

A. Not necessarily anything. Powdery mildew is the problem. It usually occurs in periods of cool nights, humid days and no rain. Spray with lime sulfur during dormant period in early spring. During growing season, spray weekly with sulfur *only*.

Q. *What is the rough, tumor-like growth I have found on one of my roses? It grows near the soil.*

A. This is crown gall, a bacterial disease that often gains entry through wounds made by cultivating. If present, prune off and seal wound. Disinfect knife before re-using.

Q. *My rose buds fail to open, turn brown and decay. Why?*

A. Botrytis blight is at work. This fungus thrives in rainy weather in old blooms and winter-killed canes. Pick off and destroy faded blooms. Spray weekly during wet springs.

Q. *How will I know if my roses are being attacked by insects?*

A. There are numerous pests that can attack roses. Among the most common signs are: curled leaves, often with a sticky secretion and malformed flowers, caused by aphids, pear shaped insects about half the size of a grain of rice; leaves spotted red, yellow or brown and then falling off prematurely, caused by red spider mite, a spider-like sucking insect; brown edges on buds, which open only partially or not at all, caused by thrips, a tiny, brown insect with fringed wings; malformed buds and leaves that turn black and then die, caused by rose midges, tiny, winged red/brown insects; leaves and petals with holes chewed in them, from metallic-color Japanese beetles; large circular holes in leaves, with wilted canes, caused by leaf cutter bees, which resemble small blue-green flies. When you spot any of these, immediately consult a nurseryman for help in identifying the pest and in recommending a treatment. ■

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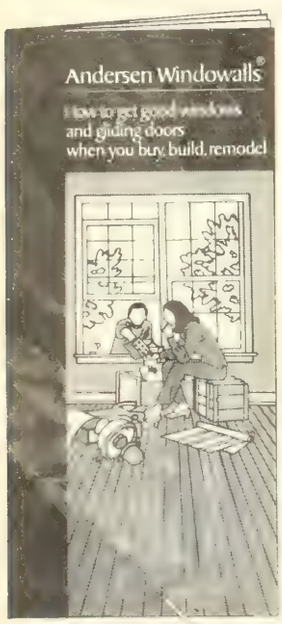
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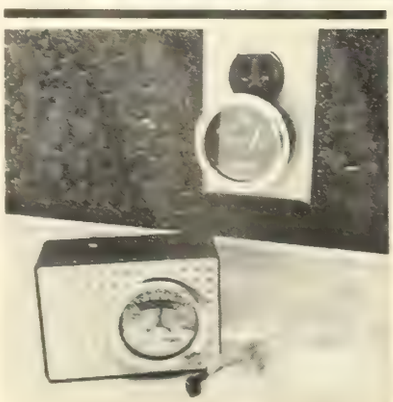


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Finding a kentia may become difficult, but the more common areca, a palm that can wither your green thumb overnight, is no substitute. Insist on a kentia.

Kentia: hard to find, a whiz to grow

Investing in a palm tree for the house is serious business. Just how serious it is you will understand more fully after looking at a few price tags. But please don't shop for palms strictly on the basis of getting the largest one for the least amount of money.

Unless you're a Luther Burbank whiz, the best palm for you is the kentia, which botanists call howeia (*HOW-ee-uh*), because seeds of it were first brought to Europe from Lord Howe Island, east of Australia's New South Wales, in the time of Queen Victoria. According to Alfred Byrd Graf in his magnificent book, *Exotica*, kentia palms tolerate more abuse and poorer light than any other palms. As if he didn't know already, Graf could witness the truth of his statement in the reception room at House Beautiful, where there's a kentia that hasn't seen the light of day since we moved in in 1968. It exists on the pale rays of ceiling fluorescent fixtures. ***But let me tell you*** about my own kentia, which I first rented on Thanksgiving eve, 1967, for a photograph that appeared in the February, 1968, issue of House Beautiful. We finished too late that Wednesday to return the palm, so it sat in the dark studio until the following Monday, at which time Photographer Ernest Silva called to tell me he thought the palm was dead and shouldn't be returned to the rental service. I hopped in a taxi to go pay my last respects, only to find a very thirsty palm with one broken frond. Well, that palm might as well have been a puppy in a kennel begging to go home with me. I became its owner and a kentia admirer for life. ***Since the beginning,*** mine has been growing in a 12-inch tub (Graf also advises that kentias don't need oversized containers). Every two or three years, I put it in the bathtub, remove about half of the old soil and replace it with new. Once a month I lug it into the shower and wash off the leaves with water of room temperature. It gets a liquid house plant fertilizer every four to six weeks all year. The light is bright, with a little direct sun filtered through venetian blinds. Although it sits on a wicker stool behind the sofa, where summer air conditioning and winter heating blow directly on it, the leaves are perfect. There has twice been an infestation of brown scale, removed with a tissue dipped in rubbing alcohol. The tips of the leaves will turn brown if the soil is too dry, or too wet and cold. Trim off any brown parts, but leave healthy green growth. Keep the soil evenly moist □ By ELVIN McDONALD

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Here you can stay at the Hilton Head Inn, a two-story luxury hotel facing the beach, with two swimming pools set in lovely gardens. Or, rent one of the villas scattered throughout the 5,200-acre plantation that are available on a daily or a weekly basis. You're entitled to play golf on any of three 18-hole courses, including the Harbour Town Golf Links, site of the annual Heritage Golf Classic. Tennis? Most of 26 championship tennis courts are located in the Harbour Town area, also a sailing and fishing center. And this year five-day "mini-schools" in all these sports, plus drama and photography, are being offered. Check box 1 for handy booklet.

Savannah, Georgia's oldest city, founded in 1733, is an easy 45-mile drive from Sea Pines Plantation. Besides visiting the historic places such as Factor's Walk along the Savannah River, center of the cotton trade and shipping, you can enjoy walking through the famous squares surrounded by 18th- and 19th-century town houses, many of them painstakingly restored and being lived in today. The Savannah Visitors Bureau will send descriptive guides on the high points. Check box 2.

Amelia Island

Another Sea Pines Community is developing on the lower tip of Amelia Island, about 30 miles north of Jacksonville, Fla. Here you'll find the wonderful sand dunes, covered with spiky sea grass and carefully left alone to protect the four-mile beach pounded by the Atlantic Ocean.

The Amelia Island Inn, the Beach Club next door and its pools have been built to take advantage of the natural seascape. A 27-hole golf course wends its way through clusters of huge bent live oaks, by blue lagoons and the ocean.

Tennis outranks golf here. At present, Racquet Park contains eight courts already, two platform, and more are on the way. Villas are in groups throughout the 2,450 acres—available by the day or week. Check box 3.

Palmas del Mar

Located on the southeastern tip of Puerto Rico, this Sea Pines Co. resort has a definite feeling and charm of a Mediterranean fishing village. To complete the mood, the Palmas Inn is topped off with a 60-foot bell tower. True to Sea Pines tradition, natural beauty has been preserved. It cost thousands of extra dollars to build around a *tibi dibi* tree on the restaurant terrace. Villas have tiled roofs, private balconies and views from three sides. The swimming pool is a swirl of many colorful hand-laid mosaics.

Monte Sol, the tennis village, is built on a hillside and overlooks nine tennis courts and the sea. The first of three 18-hole golf courses views the sea also.

The *pièce de résistance*, still a-building, is Cala de Palmas, a harbor village inspired by Harbour Town at Sea Pines. For details on all, check box 4.

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TRAVEL

By MARION GOUGH □ In 1843, having discovered the simple sea breezes of Biarritz, Victor Hugo was afraid the place might become fashionable—which it did, of course. Only 12 years later, Empress Eugénie, who invented the hat of the same name, persuaded Napoleon III to build a little summer palace here, and the queen of beaches thereupon became the beach of queens. The Hôtel du Palais—one of those high-ceiling, ormolu, marble-hall *grande dame* hotels with vitrines in the lobby full of jewels you imagine the rest of the guests can afford—commemorates the kings, grand dukes and princes of the blood who used to vacation here from Easter to July and in the early weeks of September. It is still a live-it-up resort, but more for the likes of you and me in our posher moments.

There are four great beaches, from bracing surf to calm and secluded, two casinos and a town full of luxury shops and grand hotels. The luxe has an Edwardian nostalgia, full of imperial place names and gardened in blue hydrangea and manicured plantings of coleus. Boxes in the chocolate shops look like turn-of-the-century millinery, and the waiters in the Michelin four-fork, two-star Café de Paris have difficulty concealing their pique that you are not one of Edward VII's mistresses—but here you must go, if only to savor a regal ambrosia called *mousseline de cuis d'artichaux*, hearts of artichoke put through a blender, but with a *je ne sais quoi* of subtle seasoning.

Having excursioned to the cliffside Chambre d'Amour and the surfing beach near Anglet and walked the rocky paths of Rocher de la Vièrge, drive inland to Lac de Brindos for a meal at the Hostellerie de Brindos, a manorial inn on the lake, where they celebrate May and June with spectacular white asparagus hollandaise. It's a 20-room mansion, authentically decorated in suit-of-armor style, where you can sleep in a canopied bed even though you're not far from the Biarritz airport.

The Biarritz surprise is that this high-life resort borders on the land of the Basques, that colorful, mysterious race apart who have dwelt for centuries between the Pyrénées and the beaches of Southwest France and Northwest Spain (you're near the Spanish border here). These are the people who have given us the béret, the jute-soled espadrille and the fast-moving, basket-flung ball game of pelota (no Basque town is without its high-walled court or *fronton*, for pelota is a way of life in these parts).

It's not exactly true that they are all mountain-based shepherds with a special flair for smuggling and acrobatics, although, of course, there's that. From that most picturesque port, St-Jean-de-Luz, descendants of the old Basques who used to hunt whale take out their vividly painted boats to hunt the tuna, and the Basque towns in the countryside are clearly the homes of farmers.

For a tiny vignette of *la vie basque*, go out from Biarritz to Arcangues, the minuscule town-domain of the Marquis d'Iranda, who is a historian of his own people. Here are the church, so essential to Basque life, the cemetery, with porcelain flower wreaths decorating the graves of families called Hegoas, Hirigoyen, Yeregui and Durehodoy—and, of course, the *fronton*. At the little Auberge Achtal, the cuisine changes from the grand hotel *richesse* of Biarritz to the ham and cheese and cornichons, just-baked bread and rough rosé of the country. Lovely—especially if there are Basque singers on hand to season it with a taste of their own songs, *a capella*, in their enigmatic language, to the tap of the tambour and the occasional lonesome note of the flute. An unexpected singing of Dvorak's *New World Symphony* theme—known to Americans as *Going Home*—broke me up.

You can make a motor circuit of Arcangues, St-Jean-de-Luz and the romantic pine-forested hereabouts all in one day's trip out of Biarritz.

St-Jean-de-Luz is a charmer of a port town, its beaches not exactly undiscovered by resort-hoppers and full of appropriate hotels. But its medieval old-town cobbled streets have the lively ring of real life. Louis XIV was wed to Marie-Thérèse here in the still-used 13th-century church of St-Jean-Baptiste and the town's still talking about the splendor of the wedding reception in the Maison de l'Infante, which you may visit. And don't miss the market.

Sare, said to be the Mecca of smugglers, is also the center of ringdove shooting, a Basque preoccupation of October that seems unattractive to a dove

like me. Nostalgia may overtake you in this pretty town if as a French student you ever struggled through Pierre Loti's *Ramuntcho*. It was set here.

If romance is your dish, this valley of the trout-filled Nive River is the seat of Charlemagne legend, where Roland, the medieval hero of song and history, blew his horn and died. And at Cambo-les-Bains you can visit Arnaga, the imposingly gardened villa of Edmond Rostand, full of theatrical mementoes of his Cyrano and Chantecler. There's the cherry blossom town of Ixtassou, and Bidarray, where the Devil, unable to cope with the Basque language, threw himself into the river.

Then there's St-Jean-Pied-de-Port, a medieval big town, at the foot of a wall of fortified mountains, once the last stop on the pilgrims' route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, now a placidly picturesque reminder of a hectic past, its citadel now a school, its antique stone houses with their builders' names and dates inscribed now being renovated by hardy moderns. The medieval jail, Maison des Evèques, is a grisly reminder of the good old days. But then everything here is a reminder that you'd get a lot more out of this medievalism if you'd brushed up on your history. You can contemplate this and the touristy town square over lunch at the Hôtel des Pyrénées and a glass of the rosé *vin du pays*.

To Bayonne from Biarritz is no distance at all. This is a business-as-usual, non-touristy place where I was far more taken by the buying habits of the locals in the Prisunic than by the much touted arcades of the Rue du Port-Neuf. Here I was promised a bonanza of chocolate shops in a tantalizing aroma of cacao bean, but the scene fell short of expectations to this chocolate freak. The 13th-century cathedral and cloisters are magnificent but I tend to remember most the huge bronze ring on the church door. If a fleeing criminal could just get to grab that ring, he was home free, safe from capture.

It's Bayonne's Basque Museum that matters most to a visitor who is at all intrigued by the life and manners of these distinctive people. You will learn more perhaps than you ever need to know about their old whaling exploits and that pervasive game of pelota, their stilt-dancing festivals and musical instruments. I was more fascinated by their wood carving, multi-purpose chests that become bench and table, their preoccupation with religion and death (on display there's a room as it should be arranged when the family returns from a funeral), the recurrence of the scallop shell motif, which is the symbol of St. James and the pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela, and the mystic role that the laurel seems to play in Basque life (it is hung over holy water fonts and it carpets the bride's path at weddings). The museum has a remarkable rostrum of the Basques who have made international history. It's said there are more people of Basque origin in the United States than in France and Spain.

If you love Béarnais sauce, you'll love Pau, center of the Béarn region, next stop on my route and another place that makes you wish you'd done your historical homework. In 1553, Henry IV was born here in the turreted Château and cradled in a giant tortoise shell, there for you to see in the castle, which is grandiloquently furnished in the 16th-century mode. Great treasure here is a collection of early Gobelins and Flemish tapestries, a feast for tapestry-minded moderns. Note to the tough and sporty: The castle-museum displays a set of *quilles* —three-foot-high wooden ninepins, played with a five-pound ball—and if you poke about the streets of Pau, you may see the game still being played. A group of husky gas company workers kindly invited me to participate in a game, so it could also happen to you. Join them if you've no regard for your life or limb.

A pleasant place to sample the Béarnais sauce *in situ* is the Hostellerie de Canastel, outside of Pau near Jurançon.

Heading toward the region known as Périgord, we drove through Cahors, stopping briefly at the castle-hotel, Château Mercués, a place of out-and-out luxe in an eagle's-nest situation. In its luxiest tower suite, you have only to press a button and the roof opens up.

We went on to overnight at the Château Bellevue in the tiny spa town of Cazaubon—beautiful rooms and food, cranky, sluggish swimming pool (but then all French swimming pools seem peculiar to me). This 19th-century mansion in a garden is one (*Continued on page 118*)



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HAPPILY, THE BALANCE HAS REVERSED, FIRST IN A DELICATE TILT, BUILDING TO A SPIRITED SURGE. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A HOME IS, IN FACT, MUCH MORE THAN A HOUSE. IN LIEU OF A SHOWPLACE ON DISPLAY TO OTHERS, WE ARE CREATING A SHOWCASE BY WHICH WE DISPLAY OURSELVES. AND IN SO DOING, WE HAVE FOUND IT NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO MESH STYLE WITH SUBSTANCE.

STYLE PLUS SUBSTANCE IS DOCUMENTED BY THE SIX HOUSES AND APARTMENTS YOU'LL ENCOUNTER ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES. VERY MUCH TO THE FACT IS THAT EACH IS UNIQUELY PERSONAL, THUS EACH MAKES A DIFFERENT—YET DEFINITE—STATEMENT. THEY ARE TO BE JUDGED BY THEIR HEARTS, NOT BY THEIR FACADES, DESIGNED AS THEY ARE TO EXPRESS THE HARMONIES OF THEIR OCCUPANTS RATHER THAN THE PREFERENCES OF PASSERS-BY. FROM THE ART NOUVEAU, ART DECO AND COLLECTIBLES OF BARBRA STREISAND TO THE ART-FILLED ENVIRONMENT OF NATHANIEL AND ALIX FRENCH, EACH IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND SUCCESS. THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF STYLE PLUS SUBSTANCE.

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Editor RUTH WEIL □ Barbra Streisand is the only performer in show business history to receive all the highest awards—Oscar, Tony, Grammy, Emmy, Georgie. In creating her personal world, she has matched her career versatility with an equally intensive and wide-ranging pursuit of the beautiful. "I simply love beautiful things," she says. "That is my passion." Demonstrating that declaration, her 50-year-old California home abounds with definitive masterworks of art and furnishings. Twice included in international best dressed lists, Miss Streisand early sharpened her sure-eyed sense of design by teenage forays in New York thrift shops to buy elegant apparel of bygone eras. Today, her response to great design and high artisanship of all epochs is total and profound, although she no longer collects. ("I really don't care for possessions now—I find them an obligation, and not necessary to my emotional health.") The universality of her taste is glowingly apparent, exemplified by her sometime immersion into the magic world of Art Nouveau—the international design movement that flourished in the 1890s. Its spell still lingers—the rare Sarah Bernhardt posters in the entry (*below*) were designed by Alphonse Mucha, and the classic illuminated cabinet seen beyond the wrought-iron gates (*right*) was created by Emile Gallé. Searching for words to describe the pull that drew her back to the brief *fin-de-siècle* outpouring of Art Nouveau ("the fluid, unending line—purity of style—perfection of craftsmanship—the whole thing"), she is unaware of having also described the art of Barbra Streisand.

BILL HELMS





'I SIMPLY LOVE BEAUTIFUL THINGS'

BARBRA STREISAND'S PERSONAL WORLD: A MEDLEY OF HIGH NOTES IN DESIGN TREASURES

A SELECTIVE EYE & AN INSTINCT FOR 'BARGAINS' CREATE A MIXTURE OF MOODS

Evidence of Miss Streisand's former avidity as a collector is found in every nook and corner of her voluminous house. An indication of the scope of her interests, and the cultural and historical perceptions that have supported them, can be seen on this page. The dining room (*below left*) contains examples of Art Nouveau and Art Deco in silver, chinaware and cabinetry. Through the door and across the wide entry beyond, the lofty living room (*above left*) expresses another kind of mood. Shelves in one corner (*below*)



display a group of Coca-Cola serving trays from the 20s and 30s. "I used to pay two or three dollars for these," she says, "and now they're getting up to $100 for them. I'm a bargain hunter, you know, and there's no way I would spend that much for these things today." Next to the trays is a collection of cardboard cut-out show-window advertising displays of the same period. Seen from the balcony above, the living room (*right*) opens to view. Beneath the crystal chandelier, a carved wood horseshoe bar from a turn-of-the-century railroad car creates a visual focal point in the center of the room—and turns the fireplace seating group at the end of the room into an intimate space-within-a-space. The swag-draped windows look out into a stand of trees. Also in this room are exquisite Art Deco coffee and tea services and Miss Streisand's personally-assembled collections of match containers and perfume bottles, plus examples of 19th- and 20th-century Americana, primarily utilitarian.





"I guess I'm sort of a dichotomy—I'm attracted to both ends of the pole. I love precision and perfection, but I like junky things, too." Barbra Streisand's solarium (*far right*) is her "junk room." A sunny, hodgepodge place, it is furnished with colorful castoffs and souvenirs from her films. ("I found this old table in a garage, and that couch over there is from my dressing room on the set of *Clear Day*.") Here, tinged with prismatic light glinting from hanging pieces of her leaded beveled glass collection, she arranges a table for dining. "It's a great place for gatherings. Everybody loves it—and I love *not* to care if it gets wet or dirty." Returning to the entry (*left*), the "other"





Barbra Streisand surveys the cool contours of her Louis Comfort Tiffany glassware. This comprehensive collection is but one of many throughout the house that explores a single phase or facet of her fascination with Art Nouveau. Following the dictum that unused space makes waste, she has transformed a narrow, tile-paved connecting corridor (*above*) into a mini-museum, lining its walls with posters, paintings, sculptures and an assemblage of beautifully designed inlaid-wood *portmanteaux*, or coat-hat-and-umbrella racks. Even the stairway (*not shown*) has been pressed into service as a gallery for the display of related drawings and paintings by Austrian ornamentalist Gustav Klimt, German expressionist Egon Schiele and a young contemporary painter, Jason Monet. Her spacious office-and-studio (*left*), which she describes as "another junk room," houses a miscellanea of possessions that include a pattern-splashed upholstered sofa standing in front of a wall-hung Early American quilt and a petite pair of black leather chairs from the set of *Funny Girl*, the film for which she was awarded an Oscar.


"I'M SORT OF A DICHOTOMY...I LOVE PRECISION
& PERFECTION, BUT I LIKE JUNKY THINGS, TOO"













A descent into the projection room is like a time-machine journey to that recent past that happened so long ago—the 20s and 30s. This is Barbra Streisand's creation, and here, with a palette of crisply etched reds and grays, she has conjured a haunting reincarnation of *style moderne*—or Art Deco—that characterized the look of the era. (This style, springing from Art Nouveau roots, eschewed the soft sinuous line for the sharpened geometry of the machine age and its materials.) In glittering cases (*top to bottom, left*), she displays her *sui generis* gathering of Art Deco masterpieces, including a superb collection of glass pieces by René Lalique. But the over-all mood, coherence and authenticity of this space is due to the inventive resourcefulness of Miss Streisand. She discovered her carpet pattern in a hotel and had it woven in Ireland in grays of her choosing. The heavy shutters (*above center*) that darken the room for movies were fashioned from richly ornamented engraved steel plates salvaged from the elevator doors of the old Art Deco-encrusted Richfield Building in Los Angeles. These panels also appear in the bar area (*above right*) and on the fireplace. The needlepoint pillows, based on wallpaper designs, were made by her film-set colleagues ("I decided we all needed projects!").


HER PERSONAL CREATIVITY
TRANSFORMS
A PROJECTION ROOM INTO
A MASTERPIECE
OF ART DECO



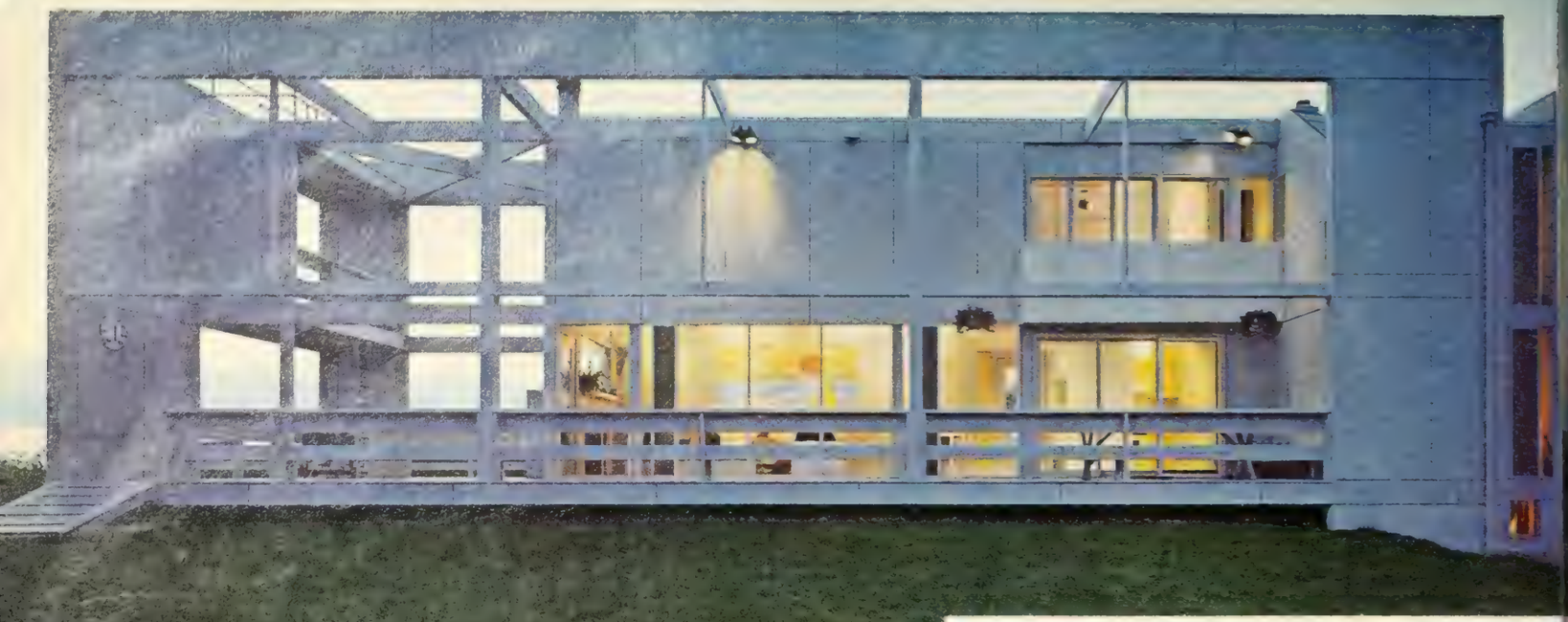
"I like so many styles," says Barbra Streisand, "and I really enjoy all periods of design. Going back into the past is like little flights of fantasy for me." She refers to the powder room (*far right*) as her "Victorian Room" and has designed it around her collection of enameled compacts. "I love little tiny prints and fringe and lace," she says—and has proven it by covering the entire room, including the ceiling, with microscopically rose-dotted fabric and matching wallpaper. Her own bathroom (*below right*) is somewhat more freewheeling in style, although it houses an extraordinary collection of sequined and beaded Victorian fans. ("I'm enchanted with detail. Nobody makes things like these anymore—it's truly a lost art.") Reflected in the mirror is another of her rare Early American quilts. Her son's playroom (*right*) is a sturdy place with vinyl flooring and a regenerated old wrought-iron sofa. However, this area is currently being redone to take on the appearance of a rustic old cabin. Miss Streisand's bedroom (*below*) is her ultimate retreat from her busy public life. White bamboo furniture, a fireplace, upholstered depths of fabrics (*left*) and plants provide an easy background for moments of relaxation. This room is also currently undergoing a total change. Reflecting upon her home, Miss Streisand says, a bit wistfully, "I like having done it, but I also like not having to do it anymore." But then, pausing, she corrects herself, "The only thing is, I am still doing it."

"I REALLY ENJOY ALL PERIODS OF DESIGN...I'M ENCHANTED WITH DETAIL"









FOR EASY LIVING

WITH THE OUTDOOR WORLD ALWAYS NEAR









By SUSAN LEWIN ☐ **At least 45 weekends a year, Suse and Peter Lowenstein and their two sons, Alexander, seven, and Lucas, five, journey from the tame New Jersey suburbs to the wilds of Montauk, Long Island. When (after several years of renting) they commissioned Architects Alan Chimacoff and Steve Peterson to design them a house, "The only thing that mattered was that the house be open with light and views, that it have a great sense of space emphasizing the relationship between indoors and out." The architects, both on the faculty of Princeton University, feel the key to the house is the ambiguity between where the interior volume ends and the exterior space (the 600 square feet of decks) begins. "The interior is really quite small (1000 square feet), but because it is enclosed within a cage of decks, the house seems much larger." Stained a foggy grey with yellow accents for railings, window vents and kitchen cabinets, the house's interiors reflect the Lowensteins' desire to do nothing but relax, play tennis or scuba dive on weekends. Low maintenance was the first consideration of all the furnishings. Suse, an artist and textile designer, is responsible for the large mobile of wheels and for the painting over the sofa.**

NORMAN McGRATH

ITS SIMPLE FORM LETS THEM
ENJOY DESIGN PURITY AND
LOW MAINTENANCE





The Lowenstein house sits high on a hill with the long open facade facing south toward the ocean. Its pure and simple form exemplifies the architects' desire to avoid any violent intrusion on the small grassy plateau surrounded by heavy growth and vegetation, and all the house's energy and activity are directed inward from the calm facade. The master bedroom *(left)*, a compact space of well-engineered built-ins in low-care surfaces, juts out over the double-height living room (see *plan above*). Beneath it is the kitchen, seen here through the interior window near the dining table *(top left)*—according to the owner, an "exceedingly workable" area with ample cabinet space and counter space. The inevitability of other houses someday infringing on the Lowensteins' privacy has been protected by the solid north and east facades *(preceding page)*. Upper decks at the open west end are accessible by retractable ladders.

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CANVAS FOR LIVING

AN ARTIST'S PERSONAL HABITAT AS LUSH AND COLORFUL AS THE JUNGLE MURAL ON THE WALL

Editor JACK MACURDY □ Artist and muralist Russ Elliott is an individualist who structures his life and work with colorful points of interest. When he designed his own New York apartment, the result was a complete expression of someone who works in the arts. While the apartment functions as an ever-changing gallery, it's also quite casual—calculated for easy-living comfort but not rigid in terms of interior design.

Creatively, Elliott's art is a versatile one. His paintings and murals (the murals often done on canvas, then that affixed flat to the wall to look like the classical fresco) are generated to enhance the mood a designer selects for an interior. Floral patterns, chintz motifs are exploded into paintings; the flavor of Early Americana is beautifully reproduced. Since he is an ardent animal lover, a favorite theme has become wildlife in its natural habitat. And it's this theme that inspired



the design direction that Elliott has followed for the entire apartment.

In the living room, the bleached sun colors of the African veldt mingle with cool American panache (*below*). Bright sunlight warms wood and sand tones; glass and steel surfaces glimmer; foliage abounds. The focal point is Elliott's triptych, its subject a jungle microcosm with a commanding tiger and watchful monkeys—painted in the style of a Rousseau primitive. Below it, a sofa in a pale high-textured tweed by Selig—just one of the three convertible seating/sleeping units used throughout the apartment in lieu of traditional sofas and beds. This use of sofas is one unique feature of organization where the spaces have been thought out in terms of functioning for entertaining and exhibition of the owner's work. On both sides of the sofa: stereo speakers that serve as tables display pieces of mounted brain coral Elliott dove for in the Caribbean. Caned chairs with suede seats adding a luxurious accent create an intimate conversation area. The color of Bigelow's carpet, a cushiony flow of 100% nylon backed by easy-walking latex foam rubber, is cleverly picked up again in the topmost portions in each section of Elliott's commanding triptych.

What could be more persuasive than a mirrored fireplace wall (*below right*) to duplicate the lush jungle atmosphere? Light and character gain emphasis while the mirrors extend the modest dimensions of the room. To the right of the fireplace, an old French chair adapts to another culture with its silk leopard-print upholstery. A lacquered beige table that faces the window wall (*bottom right*) continues in the theme with a tasteful composition of exotic grasses and mounted shells. A brace of felines stands majestically in the painting that hangs above.

BILL HELMS







THOUGH MOODS CHANGE AS ROOM OPENS INTO ROOM, HIS WORK IS ALWAYS A LIVELY COMPANION

Elliott's atelier (*below*) is a departure from the living room's tropical character, existing almost like an annex to the other rooms. Primarily, it's the studio where he works, but it can, when necessary, convert to a bedroom to accommodate guests. The room has a carefully tended barnlike quality with its wood-paneled walls and beams painted to match. Congoleum's vinyl parquet flooring is practical and decorative. Artist's supplies are organized in the storage units that support the seating units. Bright morning sun floods this eastern exposure but shades that absorb heat and filter light allow proper illumination. Easel, director's chair and round green paint table await the artist.

Entering from the front door, one is immediately struck by the hallway's impressive composition (*below center*). This gallery-within-a-residence is hung with three large floral canvases—one on each side



of the narrow corridor and the third directly ahead. A muted paper-bag brown colors the area and a wall of mirrors (out of sight behind the branch-filled vase) gives the illusion of greater space. The easy-to-care-for, heavy-duty ceramic tiles—Franciscan's "Terra Floor"—were installed by Elliott and continue from the hallway into the kitchen, which is off to its left. Lighting the area, a fixture of smoky glass.

The kitchen is a study in streamlined elegance (*bottom center*). Here, an abstract pattern in blue, white and pumpkin graces the walls. Concentrated over the utilities to the left is a long row of hanging cabinets; on the right, below a single cabinet are a small food-preparation counter and multi-tiered wine rack. The garden room/bedroom is a sun-filled oasis (*below right*). Elliott has designed it with a particularly effective outdoor quality—porchlike, casual, charming. A thicket of plants at the far end of the room fronts a six-part mirrored screen—the reflection creating an extravagance of greenery. Again, as in the living room and studio, the sleep sofa serves its dual purpose. This one, in crisp white *faux* kidskin, is custom-made. Director's chairs are in the identical fabric. Yellow as the choice of color couldn't be any more perfect for infusing a room with a convivial mood. Of special interest is the stained glass valance fixed above the windows—seen more clearly in the view of the other side of the room (*bottom right*). The pattern is a modified Art Nouveau floral, designed and executed by Elliott. In the far corner, a shallow closet gains importance as a rebuilt mirrored bar with shelves to hold neccessary party supplies and—this naturalist's personal touch—a terrarium below. A graceful little bistro table is set with decanted wine.









WITH FASHION









Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ **"If you are going to do something, do it," says Carrie Donovan. And in her Manhattan living room, she knows exactly when not to stop to make her own decorating statement that's as strong as the style statements she makes as senior fashion editor of *Harper's Bazaar*. Tulips bloom everywhere. They spill over seating pieces in Gloria Vanderbilt's charming tulip cotton, also used to cover the tables, are worked into a rug and a needlepoint pillow and are seen again in the culotte Ms. Donovan wears in the Ben Morris portrait above the red sofa *(right)*. Other personal expressions: the dining ell (*above*) with banquettes and a lower-than-usual square table, a shiny red foyer (*far left*) and art that includes a large David Gibbs over the sleek glass-topped table (*near left*) and a framed Fuejita in the dining area.**

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THE PERSONAL APPROACH

"Ever since I've lived in New York, I've had a tulip print," explains Carrie Donovan. "When I was 20, I covered just one chair because I believed what you were taught at that time—use print with a discreet and temperate touch so that it doesn't overwhelm. But it just grew and grew, and now I couldn't live without an orangey red tulip print or one red room. I didn't have much *real* furniture when I moved, so Felipe Marrero and Phillip Armstrong built all sorts of things. They made the living room chairs, which are on casters, and the banquette and low table for the dining corner. What if the table isn't dining height? It's just cozy friends anyway! We start with drinks, grab our plates from the glass table and move to the banquette." In the fresh-as-a-tulip bedroom (*above*), a huge bed on a platform is dressed in a tulip print that climbs up the walls and across the ceiling and flanked by shirred tulip fabric hung on poles. "The platform is like a desk or a bedside table," says Ms. Donovan. "I work there, so it's usually covered with magazines and layouts. And I adore tons of pillows." Essential, too: "Rigaud candles, because a house absolutely must have scent." And next to the skirted table (*left*) with snapshots from the Donovan past is a red wicker chair—bought for $15 in a Long Island junk shop—that now follows Ms. Donovan wherever she goes.

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By SUSAN LEWIN

Nestled into a rustic hillside just 12 minutes from downtown Dayton, Ohio, this concrete block house combines maximum living with minimum maintenance, grand spaces with modest materials. For Painter-sculptress Alix French and Attorney Nathaniel French, it is a home for their large family that also provides a studio/workshop-cum-gallery. The house is embraced by natural foliage (the one-acre site was once part of a large estate), yet has no conventional yard or lawn—just two expansive terraces to move out onto to enjoy a warm summer day. Inside (*see the following six pages*), Cincinnati Architect David Lindsey Niland has given the Frenches a handsome 3,800 square feet of interior living space, without wounding the original site.

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A LIFE WITH ART

IN A GRAND FAMILY HOME



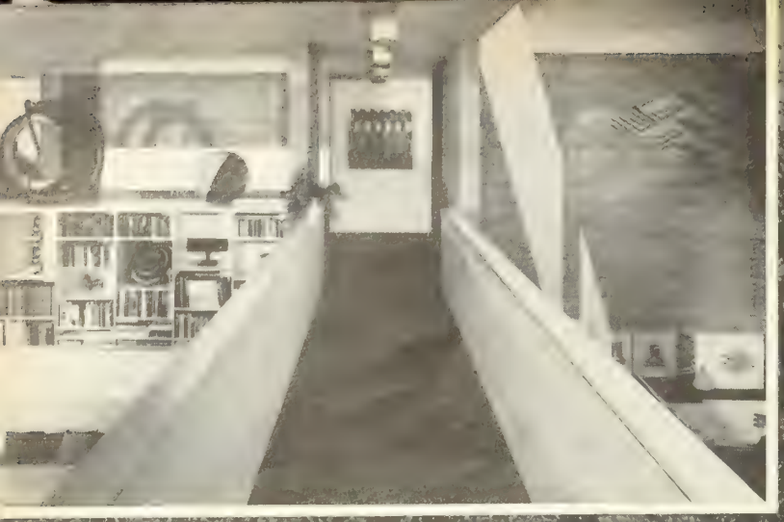
Architect Niland's eloquent maze through the French house articulates each space by changing the level (never less than three steps). Built on a sloping terrain, it is entered on the second level. To get to the living room (center), you must cross over a brilliant cadmium red-carpeted bridge (*top left*), wind around and down the white epoxy-painted stairs (*upper right*) and then go down three more steps (*lower left*) to reach the inner core of the house. Niland calls this essentially nighttime space "the womb" because it is the part of the house farthest from a direct light source. Its central focus is the hearth, and once inside the living room with its leather Knoll sofas, one is at the heart of a house alive with people. Of the five children, only one teen-age son is still in residence, yet the others visit often. The great chunks of volume vibrate with the sounds of dogs, boys and hockey pucks—and, most of all, with the rainbow of colors of Alix French's slat paintings and three-dimensional sculptures.

FOR DRAMA: A PLAY OF SPACES SMALL AND LARGE


THE PRESENCE
OF AN ARTIST
IS FELT
AT EVERY
TURN



This neutral gray house is both active catalyst and passive background for Alix French. "The house freed me physically, yet the construction process taught me the discipline of the way things fit together," she says from her 24-foot-high studio. "And why should I crawl around in the basement? I wanted the best part of the house to work in. Sunny days, I sand and gesso wood outside. From the bridge, I can stand back as far as 11 feet from a large work to get a better perspective," she continues. Niland adds: "The house would be incomplete without her work; it was conceived to accept it." The dining room (*left*) with its 24-foot-high ceiling, a guest bedroom and the master bath (*inset below*) are all further backgrounds for her work.



A DISCIPLINED PLAN IS PUT TOGETHER BLOCK BY BLOCK

Once Architect David Niland and the Frenches decided on concrete block as the basic construction material, they looked at more than 18 varieties until choosing the one from Reading Rock. In all, 38,000 blocks were used, and their 8 by 8 by 16-inch size became the module of the house, which fits together as perfectly as a watch. Rather than inches or feet, the house is laid out in blocks—so many per room height, length and width—with dramatic juxtaposition inside (*top left inset*) and out of the exposed blocks and other surfaces. But, explains Niland, "The sense of order is what you don't really see—you feel it. For example, all light switches, counters, door handles are 36 inches high so you always reach out to the same elevation." Instead of mutilating walls and floor for heating and power outlets, he integrated them into the architecture—hidden behind cabinetry. For Nathaniel French, recent past president of the American Patent Law Association, the house presented a new hobby: interior painting and building cabinets and the wine cellar (see *plan*) just off the kitchen (*inset right*). An excellent cook, Alix French wanted a kitchen that could handle preparing food for two or 50 and that she could enjoy alone or with helpers. And here, as everywhere, there's a feeling of well-modulated amplified natural light—aided in some rooms by the silver vinyl lining of the metal bonnets.

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NEW PEWTER'S AGELESS

By MOLLY SIPLE ☐ You, too, can collect antique pewter if you have wads of money and lots of know-how, because 17th- and 18th-century originals are scarce as hen's teeth and only recognizable to the well-tutored eye. But modern domestic manufacturers have made it possible for you to enjoy anew the warm, silvery patina of what used to be called "farmer's silver," giving this lovely alloy of tin and brass classic shapes that have a curious affinity for today's tableware. The four beverage containers on this page are, *(left)* Kirk's chocolate pot from the "Castle Rose" line; the "Devon Tankard" by Royal Worcester; and *(right)* Gorham's "Chantilly" coffee pot and a reproduction of a tankard from Winterthur Plantation, by Old Dominion Silversmiths, Inc., of Cornwall.

GRACE



At center left, from the top: a Colonial-inspired candlestick by Reed & Barton; Kirk International's "Castle Rose" soup tureen; Stieff's 10-inch wooden-handled candle snuffer; a low candleholder by Towle Silversmiths, and, under it, a serving plate by Wilton Armetale, giving the look of pewter in a tough, oven-to-table aluminum alloy. Clockwise above: Kirk's five-light candelabra; Old Newbury Pewter's tavern water pitcher; Oneida's Louis XV-inspired serving plate in salad size; a covered porringer adapted from an original in the Roosevelts' pewter collection, designed by John Brevoort, an 18th-century craftsman, by the Foreign Advisory Service Council; platter of early Colonial style, by Oneida; Stieff's "Historic Newport Restoration" teapot, designed by Israel Trask, c. 1807, and (*center*) a beautifully proportioned two-handled porringer, another FASC Plimouth Plantation reproduction, resting on a simply rimmed Wilton Armetale butter plate from the Federal Collection, taken from designs of the 1787-1810 era. Below left is a "Historic Newport Restoration" maple-handled ladle, from an 1800 original designed by S. Stedman, now available from Stieff. A Williamsburg reproduction of a child's cup, by Stieff, sits on a serving platter with Louis XV detailing, by Oneida.

MICHEL ALEXIS TCHEREVKOFF

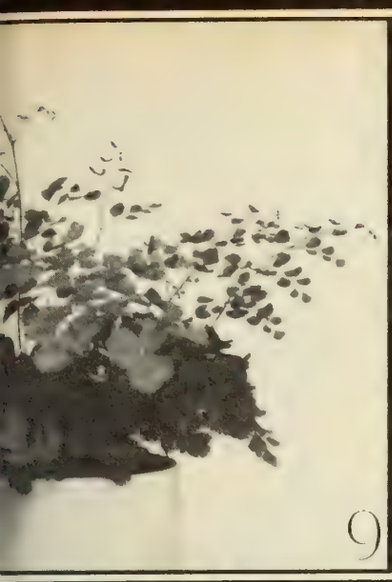
FERNS & CACTI ...HAPPY TOGETHER

By ELVIN McDONALD ☐ At first, it seems clearly a matter of personal choice. Some people relate to cacti, some to ferns, but seldom does one person cultivate both. Besides, everyone knows it isn't feasible to grow ferns and cacti together. Well, not quite everyone. Michael Tifford, for example. A few years ago Tifford, a wholesale grower of bedding and house plants on Long Island, began to grow cacti from seeds. Originally, he followed the established rules, but both sprouting and growth were disappointing. Reasoning that almost anything would be an improvement, Tifford began to experiment. He first tried treating the cactus seeds and seedlings as if they were ordinary bedding plants or vegetables—say petunias and









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tomatoes—or the ferns like the holly-leaf or the Boston. His greenhouses have an atmosphere of fresh, moist air, no steam bath, mind you, but no sauna either. In the fall and winter seasons, all the glass and plastic coverings are cleaned to admit maximum light, but some shading is added from early spring until the late summer. Probably most important, however, is moisture in the soil. Tifford uses a growing medium that is both humusy and gritty and he keeps it uniformly moist. There is, of course, a distinct difference in the meaning of the words "moist" and "wet." Tifford's rule is that a cactus or other succulent watered in the morning should be only moist or approaching dryness by nightfall. It should not be allowed to remain wet overnight. In other words, *right* compares to a moist sponge from which you cannot squeeze any water; *wrong* is a wet sponge that yields a trickle of water. Tifford has found that when any cactus is too hot and too dry, it goes dormant, the same as in the desert. Tifford's revolutionary treatment of cacti has produced phenomenal results. Year-old seedlings are four times the usual size and healthier than plants grown in the traditional manner. Older plants flower much more freely. Will the idea of growing cacti as ferns work in reverse? From my own informal research (translate that as "neglect"), can assure you the answer is: No. Let a fern dry out completely and it will die. Period. The cacti and other succulents shown here include (1) black tree aeonium, (2) organ-pipe cactus, (3) golden barrel cactus, (4) bishop's cap, (5) dwarf crown-of-thorns, (6) tree cereus. The ferns are (7) Australian maidenhair, (8) fishtail polypodium, (9) fan maidenhair, (10) crisped blue fern, (11) dainty rabbit's-foot, (12) variegated table fern, (13) holly fern. For more, please turn page.

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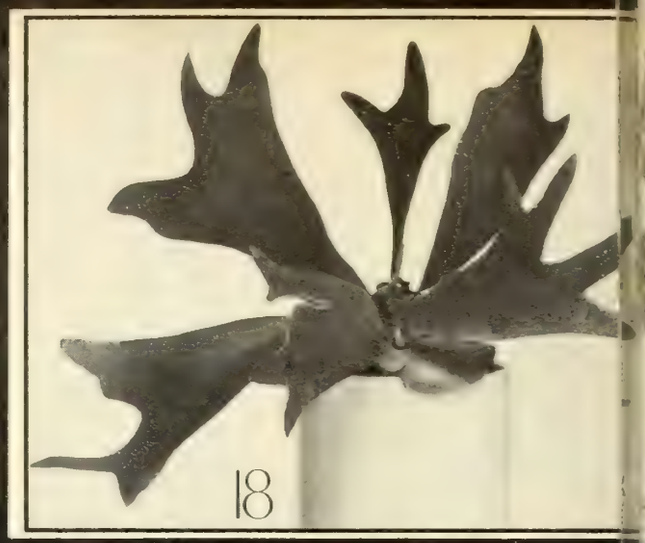
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The ferns here are (14) holly-leaf, (15) Fluffy Ruffles Boston, (16) trembling brake, (17) bear's paw, (18) staghorn and (19) silver table fern. The cacti and other succulents are (20) opuntia or prickly-pear, (21) jade plant, (22) African pencil-cactus, (23) partridge aloe, (24) giant velvet rose aeonium and (25) zigzag euphorbia. Although there are ferns that grow in the sun and cacti that grow in the shade (especially the epiphytic or air types), ferns normally need less light than cacti and other succulents. Otherwise, as house plants, their culture is remarkably similar.

About a year ago, when Photographer Michel-Alexis Tcherevkoff and I finished shooting the pictures shown here, he kept the cacti and other succulents and I took home the ferns. It's not that I am a lamb and he is a lion, which is my very human viewpoint of ferns and cacti, but my apartment has plenty of shade and his studio has big sunny windows. I am pleased to report that neither of us has had a single casualty. It was Michel's first experience with plants, so I suggested he try giving each cactus or other succulent about a cup of water every week. Now the plants look even healthier than when they came from a professional grower's greenhouse. When Michel called to say the organ-pipe cactus (2) had "mealy, cottony white bugs," I suggested he swab every trace of them with a tissue moistened in rubbing alcohol. Three of these treatments at weekly intervals did the trick. Each cactus receives one tablespoon of timed-release plant food in June. In my apartment, the ferns all grow in bright light with little or no direct sun actually striking the fronds, or else they grow in a fluorescent-lighted plant stand with illumination 14 hours out of every 24. When the heat is on, I keep cool-vapor humidifiers in operation around the clock. This practice maintains 50% to


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60% relative humidity in combination with an average temperature of 68°. This atmosphere is friendly to people, plants, the piano and furnishings in general. I keep the soil nicely moist. If the roots stand in water they rot and the fern dies. If the soil dried out like a desert I know there'd be one less fern to water next time. I keep dead leaves trimmed off and every month or two I wash off the fronds with water at room temperature. In the bright light of my living room, but without direct sun, the dainty rabbit's-foot (11) has made an incredibly beautiful plant for a hanging basket. Ferns are almost pest-free, but if you find brown scale on leaves and stems, treat with alcohol as suggested for mealybugs and cacti.

'just right' ACCESSORIES TO PERSONALIZE A ROOM



Editor MARJORIE FOX HILTON Accessories—those all-important finishing touches—are a most vital component in personalizing a room. Singly or in design clusters such as here, they influence a room's perfection. Consider a hexagonal mirror (*left*), framed in ribbed wicker, 33½ by 30½ inches, $100 at Walters Wicker Wonderland; a domed stained glass cabinet with mirrored interior, only 22 inches high, by Carol Fyler, $420, and Henry Halem's hand-blown vase, 17 inches high, $200, both at Fairtree Gallery; a Murano box in malachite with mirrored chrome base, a custom design from Karl Springer Ltd., and a Navajo Indian rug in red, beige and blue tones from The Pillowry.

A tablescape inspired by the early primitives collection at the Whitney Museum (*below*): a bamboo table and artificial fruits, both from Ed Stiffler, and an early 19th-century pine shelf, $195; pewter spoons, $108 for the set of six; red tôle tin canisters, $22.50 each; wooden mortar and pestle, $13.50; brass chamberstick, $28; an early sugar-loaf cutter, $95; a large wooden mallet, $13.50; and a bowl with rare stoneware base and sponge decoration, $55, all from Julia Kuttner. Background fabric in orange, yellow and white by Brunschwig & Fils.

In a whimsical Eastern mood (*right*): white ceramic beanpot lamp with paper shade, $180, by Dan Hawkins, at Groundworks Inc.; a Chinese vase, $125, at Robert Webb Inc.; all on a white wicker coffee table, $375 at Walters Wicker Wonderland; with cube-bordered rug in apple green, white and yellow, $480 for six-by-nine size, from Stark Carpet Co. The unusual flowers are rare miniature yellow Calla lilies from Robert Webb Inc.

For casual elegance (above): two fringed floor pillows from Mark Desio; a natural wicker coffee table, $250 at Walters Wicker Wonderland; a Mexican head on a brass stand and an amusing double-basket lamp with cowrie shells hanging on it, both from Karl Springer Ltd.; Thai vases, about $17 each, at Diane Love Inc.; and polished cast-iron birds, 24 inches high, mounted on Lucite, $165 a pair at Limited Editions.

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An amusing Oriental tablescape is captured here (*far left*) with two most proper little men carrying their blue-and-white incense burner filled now with prickly cacti, $480 from David Barrett Inc., to a meeting in front of a handsome black lacquered round table top that can be used on a pedestal or as a wallhanging. The black top, $325, and white, delicately painted console table, $275, are both from John Rodgers Ltd.

An irreverent, whimsical point of view is expressed in this playful put-together (*near left*): The checkerboard, needlepoint-framed mirror, about 36 inches square with a silhouette of leaves, designed by Edward Zajac of Zajac and Callahan, is $460 from That Special Something; the terra-cotta foam rubber building bricks (instead of conventional blocks), made for the young to erect contemporary structures with (instead of the usual sand castles), are $4 each and the chocolate layer cake with foam layers and plastic icing, 24 inches high, to pull apart and use as play furniture in a child's room, is $185, all from Mark Desio. Reflected in the mirror, a lacy blue-and-white fabric by Hannett•Morrow•Fisher.

A feminine but unruffled approach to the table (*below left*) features a round white table covered in an asparagus motif fabric from Brunschwig & Fils, and a jar-shaped white basketweave lamp with matching shade, $65; a white wicker-framed mirror, $35, and a découpage jewelry box, $30. Completing the sprightly composition: a shell dish and, stretched over the wall behind, an airy fabric, all from the Gazebo Inc. The tiny abstract-patterned Oriental bowl filled with potpourri is from Robert Webb Inc.











The natural look, interpreted gaily and very smartly with cheerfully patterned fabrics and amusing animals (*below*): a burl card table with batik-covered legs in a gypsy print, from Karl Springer Ltd.; a Shanghai wickerware ram, $225 at David Barrett Inc.; a red solalite frog, about six inches high, $200 at Nesle Inc.; and an armadillo shell basket, $95 from Ed Stiffler. Fabrics seen in the background and on the floor are from Brunschwig & Fils.
Bold design and striking color (*top left*) provide further illustration of the design credo that less is more: An absolutely smashing rectangular cocktail table combines a black Plexiglas top marked by a red-and-white V-stripe with a clear Lucite base, $950 at Albrizzi Inc. Rather than the deliberately arranged cluster of several objects, as seen in most of the other tablescapes, this grouping makes its contemporary statement with only two objects on the table—an enormous, graceful silver swan, finely detailed with articulated wings and neck and a movable head, its total size 14 inches long and eight inches wide, $1,800 from John Rosselli Inc., and tulips in a copy of a chemist's laboratory bottle, $150 with an additional stopper, from David Barrett Inc.
The tray can be a mere carrier for a pretty dessert service or part of a lovely accessories picture. Here, it's both (*left*)—the tray is lacquered and hand-stenciled, 24½ inches wide, 18½ inches deep and 25½ inches high, in yellow with a chrome X base, $1,015 at Roundtree Country Reproductions. Its companion here, a Cabretta patchwork leather pillow, a 1930s design 18 inches square, $85 at Mark Desio.
The magic of mirror combined with the forever-and-ever appeal of blue with white—it's a stunning look (*above*) with the "Pepina" black-and-blue Art Deco mirror, $750, and lacquer console, $900, both from Burgin Ltd.; a blue-and-white ceramic lamp, $95, and lacquer basket of silk flowers, $200, both from Diane Love Inc., and a ceramic duck, $54 from David Barrett Inc., surveying the passing scene.

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All is porcelain purity and smoothness in this tiny grouping of *Blanc-de-Chine* (*far left above*): A brown reeded trunk, about 26 by 25 inches by 18 inches high, $1,150 from Roundtree Country Reproductions Inc., displays the two elephants, $180 a pair, two water buffalo, $125 each, kneeling figure, $150, all from John Rosselli Inc. In the background, a print paper by Groundworks Inc. and rug from Stark Carpet Co.

Three dramatic African ceremonial masks are grouped on a Karl Springer cocktail table (*far left below*) around a brown-and-white ceramic dish of many uses created by Diane Love, $40, and a Philippine mahogany box, $120 at David Barrett Inc. The masks, $300 for the one on the left, $225 each for the others, are from John Rosselli Inc. The overstuffed pillows, covered in a green-and-white print fabric, are 36 inches square, $185 each from Albrizzi Inc., with a geometric wallpaper by Groundworks Inc. on the wall and a much larger-scaled geometric by Hannett•Morrow•Fisher on the floor.

A striking arrangement of curving forms on an Art Deco table (*near left*): The wrought-iron-and-marble table, $950, the white opaque dome lamp, $1,600, and three-piece English pewter tea set, $145, are all from Primavera; the Paul Manners Art Deco vase, $45, is from Fairtree Gallery. The background is a paper from Groundworks Inc. and a Navajo rug from The Pillowry.

A pattern mix for casual entertaining (*below center*): the owner's favorite patterned napkins and dessert plates with new batik-covered snack trays from Karl Springer Ltd. and large, juicy oranges. The glass-topped table with chrome support and Lucite legs is $1,350 from Paul Jones Inc. and the beige-brown-blue-and-red Navajo Indian rug is $1,850, also from The Pillowry.

Splendidly Art Deco, indeed, is the arrangement (*below*) of glass-and-chrome arched console table, $1,950 from Paul Jones Inc., with a Colin "Ghambo" hand print, $225; a white opaque Sabino clock, $125; a Degué vase signed "Charles Calleau", $245; a silver container with glass insert, by Puiforcat, $1,000, all from Primavera; a round beige ball lamp on dark stand and Murano box with Art Deco detailing, both from Karl Springer Ltd. The unusual Navajo Indian chevron-outline rug is $2,200 at The Pillowry, and guarding it all is a silver reindeer, 30 inches long and 27 inches high, $1,350 at Burgin Ltd. And what could be more in keeping with Art Deco feeling than the simple trumpet shapes of the miniature yellow Calla lily flowers from Robert Webb Inc.

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two artisans fashion their own individual and creative world





By ANNE OGDEN □ Off a dirt road in Hudson River country, this peaceful 19th-century farmhouse conceals a great deal of activity. On a typical morning, Robert Ebendorf rises at 4 a.m., runs six miles and practices yoga for an hour. He follows with breakfast for himself and his wife, Sue. Then Bob goes to his metalwork and the college classes he teaches, and Sue to her weaving. Both are accomplished craftsmen whose work and lifestyle exhibit a creativity and kind of easy tranquility in spite of the extraordinary amount of things they accomplish in a day. The house itself, in rather run-down shape when they moved in, has benefited from their talents. They stripped floors, put in fireplaces, replastered and painted. "Our environment is important to us," says Bob. "Textiles, plants and memorabilia are all part of the whole visual



AT HOME WITH CRAFTS





experience." Their living room (*left*) shows this with the baskets and hooked rug atop the fireplace, old stained glass panels in the windows. Their cat sleeps undisturbed (*below left*) on a park-bench table by a wall of varied objects. An antique American quilt (*below right*) and an old Flash Gordon model car co-exist with contemporary glass by Mark Peiser. The upstairs hallway (*above*) is all aglow with neon, while their dining room (*right*) features collections of ceramics and old machines.

BILL HELMS





The Ebendorfs' front hall is filled with framed examples of Coptic and Pre-Columbian weaving (*below*). The guest bedroom (*left*) has a prized 1876 Centennial quilt, pillows Sue made from pieces of other old quilts, and a spinning wheel. Sue's workroom (*below*) is taken over by the floor loom and baskets brimming with yarn. In addition to weaving, she spins and vegetable-dyes her own yarns. Bob's studio (*above near right*) is in an old barn just behind the house where he sketches his designs and cuts, pierces, solders and engraves his work. After receiving a master's degree in fine arts, he studied in Norway on a Fulbright grant. A member of the American



with respect for age-old skills



Crafts Council and the New York State Craftsmen, his work has been shown nationally and internationally and his honors include a Louis Comfort Tiffany award in creative metalwork. Upcoming is a joint show at New York's Fairtree Gallery with Artist Tommy Simpson beginning Oct. 15. His work, seen at right, includes engraving, inlay and scrimshaw in the buckle, pin and drinking vessel (*above center*); Plexiglas and silver in the necklace (*above right*); silver, rosewood, amber, ebony and ivory in the necklace (*center left*) and silver, black pearl and horn on the container; the pin (*center*) and sculpture (*below right*) are of cloisonné enamel. Both are by Jamie Bennett, with silver details by Ebendorf.



ALL-IN-ONE MEALS
6 PARENT CASSEROLES

OUR EDITOR WENT TRAVELING AND CAME BACK WITH THIS FINE IDEA. "WHY NOT," HE ASKED, "GIVE US SOME GOOD ALL-IN-ONE, HOT-WEATHER DISHES THAT AREN'T CASSEROLES?" SO WE LUNCHED WITH OUR FRIENDS THE DELSONS, WHO SERVED US *BLINY*, FEATHER-LIGHT PANCAKES WITH GLORIOUS ACCOMPANIMENTS; WE TALKED TO MADHUR JAFFREY, WHO SUGGESTED CHICKEN BIRYANI, A FABULOUS INDIAN DISH THAT IS, INDEED, ALL IN ONE; WE LOOKED INTO A NEW ENGLAND COOKBOOK AND DISCOVERED KITCHEN CLAMBAKE; FROM JEAN HEWITT, WE PRESENT TURKEY CANNELLONI, AN IMAGINATIVE SWITCH FROM THE TRADITIONAL BEEF. BUT WHY GO ON? EACH IS A COMPLETE MEAL WITHIN ITSELF AND YOU NEED GO NO FURTHER THAN TOSS A SALAD, PERHAPS, AND OPEN A BOTTLE OF WINE. FOR THE WINES WE TURNED TO ALEXIS BESPALOFF,* WHOSE EXCELLENT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GIVEN FOR EACH.

BLINY, A LA THE DELSONS

A completely refreshing luncheon or supper idea from a splendid cooking team—Architect Morton Delson and his wife, Anna. He got his first taste of cooking at Taliesen, the center of the Frank Lloyd Wright school of architecture, and hers was developed "back home" in North Dakota. The Delsons' slant includes the traditional sour cream and caviar with several other additions, plus strawberry jam. It should be noted here that these *bliny* (pancakes) are made with white flour only—not with buckwheat, too, as in Russia.

2½ cups unsifted flour
2 tablespoons sugar
¾ teaspoon salt
1 package active dry yeast
1½ cups milk
¼ cup water
5 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
3 eggs, separated

Accompaniments for six:
2 cups (4 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
2 pints commercial sour cream
1½ pounds bacon, cooked and crumbled
8 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1 four-ounce jar red caviar
1 four-ounce jar Danish lumpfish
Strawberry preserves

To make the bliny: Mix flour, sugar, salt and undissolved yeast in a large bowl. Combine milk, water and butter or margarine in a saucepan. Heat over low heat until liquids are very warm (120° to 130° on a thermometer). *Note:* the butter or margarine does not need to melt. Gradually add to dry ingredients and beat two minutes on medium speed of electric mixer. Scrape the bowl occasionally. Add egg yolks and continue beating at same speed for two minutes. Cover the bowl with a fresh dish towel. Let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, until doubled in bulk—about 50 minutes.

Beat the egg whites until they hold soft peaks when the beater is held straight up. Stir the batter down and fold in the whites. Let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes by the clock.

To bake: Lightly brush the bottom of a small skillet or crêpe pan with melted butter. Place the pan over high heat until a drop or two of water dropped on the bottom will bounce across the surface. Pour a scant ¼ cup of the batter (use a tin quarter-cup measure) onto the pan. Bake until the pancake is puffed and bubbly, turn (most easily done with your fingers) and bake the other side. Cooking the second side takes only about half as long as the first and it never browns as evenly. Stir down the batter occasionally. If you are using an electric skillet, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

As the pancakes are baked, place on a fresh dish towel *(do not stack)* on a tray and if they are not served immediately, place in a low 200° oven. Makes about 22 four-inch pancakes.

To make ahead and freeze: Cool pancakes on a wire rack. Separate with foil or freezer wrap dividers and overwrap with freezer wrap, in quantities that suit your needs. Seal, label, date and freeze. *To use:* Place frozen pancakes on a greased baking sheet and heat in a preheated 425° oven for six to eight minutes. Serve at once.

Traditionally, Russian Vodka is served. Otherwise, serve a semi-dry rosé from Portugal or New York State or a Rosé D'Anjou from France.

CHICKEN BIRYANI

"Biryani is quite definitely not an everyday dish," writes Madhur Jaffrey, from whose book, *An Invitation to Indian Cooking* (Knopf), we chose this recipe. "It is served at important dinners—a dish worthy of a king." For information on Mrs. Jaffrey's cooking classes, write to her at 101 West 12th St., New York City 10011.

2 3½-pound chickens or 2 pounds chicken legs and breasts*

Step 1: Marinade
3 medium yellow onions, peeled and coarsely chopped
4 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and chopped
A piece of fresh ginger, peeled and coarsely chopped**
10 whole cloves
20 black peppercorns
1 teaspoon cardamom seeds
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon whole poppy seeds
¼ teaspoon ground mace
1 tablespoon salt
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
1 eight-ounce container plain yogurt

Place all ingredients except the yogurt in the container of the electric blender or the Cuisinarts food processor and blend to a smooth purée. Turn into a large bowl and mix in the yogurt. Set aside.

Step II:
8 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
2 bay leaves, chopped
3 medium yellow onions, peeled and sliced into very thin rings

*ALEXIS BESPALOFF'S GUIDE TO INEXPENSIVE WINES IS PUBLISHED BY SIMON & SCHUSTER

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over moderate heat. When hot, add the bay leaves and fry for 10 to 15 seconds. Add the onion rings and fry, stirring, for five to 10 minutes or until the rings are brown and crisp *but not burned.* With a slotted spoon, lift bay leaves and onion rings to paper towels to drain. Take about two-thirds of the onion rings and mix into the marinade. Set the remainder aside to use as a garnish. Set aside the skillet with the oil, as well.

Step III:
Skin the chicken legs and breast; separate the drumsticks and thighs. Place in a dish in which the meat can lie flat and coat all over with the marinade. Cover and marinate for at least two hours or longer; if longer, refrigerate. At the end of the marinating period, place in a heavy four-quart casserole. Cover and bring slowly to a boil over very low heat. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Step IV:
2 teaspoons saffron
2 tablespoons milk, hot
2 cups rice
Salt

Soak the saffron in the hot milk—not over direct heat.

Bring 13 cups of water with 3 teaspoons of salt to a boil in a four-quart saucepan. Add the rice. When the water comes to a boil a second time, *cook exactly five minutes by the clock.* Drain thoroughly and spoon over the chicken. Pour the milk-soaked saffron over the rice, "streaking it with orange lines." Sprinkle all but 1 tablespoon of the oil all over the rice along with the chopped bay leaves. Seal the casserole with heavy-duty foil, then add the cover. Place in a preheated 300° oven. Bake for one hour. Meanwhile, prepare the garnish:

2 tablespoons golden raisins
2 tablespoons blanched whole almonds
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
Reserved fried onions

Place the skillet with the remaining oil over a good heat. Add the raisins and almonds and fry, giving them an occasional stir, until the almonds are golden.

To Serve: Spoon the rice and chicken onto a large heated platter. Sprinkle with the fried onions, raisins and almonds. Arrange the sliced eggs on top. Serves about six. Either a Mâcon or Graves from France, a California Pinot Chardonnay or Dry Sémillon would be a flawless wine for you to serve with this great Indian dish.

*It is less expensive to buy whole chickens and, further, you can use the carcasses, necks, etc. to make a good chicken broth (see House Beautiful, May, 1974).

**If fresh ginger is not available, use whole dried, soaked in water for several hours.

JEAN HEWITT'S TURKEY CANNELONI

British-born Jean Hewitt, a food reporter on *The New York Times* and one of the more imaginative members of the food establishment, did a switch on Italy's elegant pasta dish, substituting turkey for the traditional beef. *Superbo!* Her most recent books include *The New York Times Natural Foods Cook Book* (Quadrangle) and *The New York Times Heritage Cook Book* (Putnam).

Believe it or not, this fabulous dish can be completely prepared the day before—ready to go in the oven. Wrap securely and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before cooking.

1 3½ to four-pound breast of turkey, ready to roast, bone in (thawed, if frozen), roasted
Pan drippings
½ pound ready-to-eat ham, sliced
½ pound small-curd cottage cheese
¾ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese (about four ounces)
1 egg
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Freshly grated nutmeg (about ⅛ teaspoon)

Pancakes:
2¾ cups milk
3 eggs
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, melted
1¾ cups flour
¼ teaspoon salt
Butter

Cream Sauce:
2½ tablespoons butter
2½ tablespoons flour
1¼ cups milk
1¼ cups chicken or turkey broth (1 10½-ounce can condensed chicken)
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Tomato Sauce:
2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
⅓ cup yellow onion, peeled and chopped fine
1 16-ounce can whole tomatoes in tomato purée, roughly chopped, with purée
½ teaspoon dried basil
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

To make the filling: Pull the skin off the cooled turkey, slice off the breast and chop coarsely. Chop the ham, too. Using the finest blade, put the turkey meat, cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese and ham through a meat grinder or use an electric food processor. Place in a large bowl. Mix in the egg, salt, pepper and nutmeg (best done with your hands). Finally, stir in ½ cup of the pan drippings.

To make the pancakes: Place the ingredients in the container of the electric blender. Blend on lowest speed until well mixed, smooth and creamy. Failing that, beat together with a rotary or electric beater. Heat a heavy seven- to eight-inch skillet (the size is important). Heat enough butter to coat the pan lightly. Then add ¼ cup, *by measure,* of the batter. Take off the heat. Holding the handle in your right hand, tilt the pan in all directions so the batter covers the entire bottom. Cook until lightly browned on bottom. You can turn it with a spatula, but we think the easiest way is to pick up the edge with your thumb and forefinger and flip it over. Brown the second side, which you'll discover never browns evenly. Lift to a plate. Repeat with the remaining batter. If the batter gets too thick, add a bit of milk. You should have 20 pancakes.

To make the Cream Sauce: Melt the butter and stir in the flour until smooth. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture froths—about three minutes. Add the milk and broth and bring to a boil, whipping constantly with a wire whip. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.

To make the Tomato Sauce: Heat the oil in a heavy saucepan. Add the onion and ½ cup water. Bring to boil: cook until all the water has boiled away and the onion is soft. Add the tomatoes, basil and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Stir in the cream sauce and simmer five minutes longer.

To assemble the dish: Spoon ¼ cup of the filling in the center of each pancake, roll up and place seam-side down in a large shallow baking pan or two 7 by 11-inch baking dishes. Once all the pancakes are in place, spoon the sauce over them, then sprinkle liberally with Parmesan.

Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 20 minutes or until bubbling hot and lightly browned. Serves 10.

Here, Bespaloff recommends a Chianti, Spanish Rioja, California Barbera or a Petite Sirah.

FISH STEW WITH PROVENCALE OVERTONES

This is a sort-of *bouillabaisse,* the great French stew of which there are innumerable variations. All the fish called for are readily available in our markets, fresh or frozen.

½ cup olive oil
1 large yellow onion, peeled and sliced
White part of 1 or 2 leeks, sliced thin
2 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
¼ teaspoon whole fennel seed or 1 rib, diced fine
2 or 3 stalks parsley
Rind of ¼ orange
1 bay leaf
2 ribs celery, diced fine
1½ quarts fish broth (see *below*)
Salt to taste
3 pounds of lean fish, such as cod, sea bass, red snapper and flounder (buy a mixture)
3 egg yolks
12 slices (about ½-inch thick) toasted French bread

Heat the oil in a large heavy casserole. Add onion, leeks, garlic and 1 cup water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat some (*Continued on page 77*)

By EMANUEL and MADELINE GREENBERG

AT COCKTAIL HOUR



here's a quiz to let you test yourself on just how much you know about the various spirits...or at least pick up a few pointers for playing 'trivia'

What happens when the party talk turns to matters of proof and Peruvian Pisco? Are you a spirited participant or a timid listener? Do you offer guests an interesting assortment of whiskeys, rums, cordials, brandies, gins and vodkas . . . or cling to the old reliables, for safety's sake? As a rule, people know a lot more about the various spirits than they realize—and should have more faith in their own instincts. While there's no need to be all that serious about it, this quiz should give some insight into your knowledge of liquors.

1. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE DISTILLED SPIRITS: (A) GIN (B) BRANDY (C) RUM (D) TEQUILA (E) VERMOUTH AND (F) WHISKEY

2. TO SOME PEOPLE, GIN IS GIN, BUT THE CONNOISSEUR KNOWS THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES. CAN YOU DISTINGUISH AMONG THESE TYPES OF GIN: OLD TOM GIN, LONDON DRY GIN, AMERICAN GIN, HOLLANDS GIN

3. PROOF IS A WAY OF STATING THE ALCOHOLIC CONTENT OF A SPIRIT, BUT IS THE SAME SCALE OR COUNT USED TO INDICATE THIS EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD

4. MATCH THE ITEM IN THE LEFT COLUMN WITH THE ONE ON THE RIGHT TO WHICH IT IS RELATED IN FLAVOR. FOR AN EXTRA POINT ON EACH, CAN YOU NAME THE SHARED FLAVOR INGREDIENT EACH PAIR HAS IN COMMON

a. Aquavit	1. Pernod
b. Kirsch	2. Triple Sec
c. Sidra	3. Kummel
d. Ouzo	4. Wisniak
e. Curaçao	5. Calvados

5. IT'S USEFUL TO KNOW THE CALORIE COUNTS OF THE POPULAR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. CAN YOU MATCH THE APPROXIMATE CALORIE COUNTS GIVEN IN THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT WITH THE BEVERAGES AT LEFT

a. 1 ounce Scotch	1. 100 calories
b. 2 ounces cocktail sherry	2. 65 calories
c. 1 ounce Benedictine	3. 84 calories
d. 8 ounces beer	4. 115 calories
e. 3 ounces dry wine	5. 70 calories

6. CORDIALS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE AFTER-DINNER DRINKS, BUT THERE ARE SOME TASTY CORDIAL COCKTAILS. FOR A 7-POINT QUESTION, CAN YOU MATCH THE CORDIAL INGREDIENTS IN THE COLUMN AT RIGHT WITH THE COCKTAILS IN THE COLUMN ON THE LEFT

a. Stinger	1. White crème de menthe
b. Grasshopper	2. Kummel
c. Alexander	3. Triple Sec
d. Black Russian	4. White crème de cacao and crème de noyaux (almond)
e. Sidecar	5. Kahlua
f. Silver Streak	6. Green crème de menthe
g. Pink Squirrel	7. Crème de cacao

7. HERE'S A SNEAKY ONE: DO YOU KNOW WHY SOUR MASH BOURBON IS CALLED SOUR MASH BOURBON

8. IS THERE ANY REAL OR SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED LIGHT WHISKEY AND STANDARD AMERICAN WHISKIES ON THE MARKET

9. SCOTCH WHISKY AND IRISH WHISKEY ARE BOTH MADE FROM BARLEY. WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE DIFFERING TASTE IN THESE SPIRITS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

10. WHAT IS THE MAIN THING APPLEJACK, SLIVOVITZ, MIRABELLE AND FRAMBOISE ALL HAVE IN COMMON

11. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, THE BASIC INGREDIENT AFFECTS THE FLAVOR AND CHARACTER OF A DISTILLED SPIRIT. CAN YOU NAME THE MAJOR INGREDIENT FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING SPIRITS ARE DERIVED: (A) RUM (B) BOURBON (C) COGNAC (D) RYE (E) CORN LIKKER

12. ALL COGNAC IS BRANDY BUT NOT ALL BRANDY IS COGNAC—IS THIS STATEMENT TRUE OR IS IT FALSE

13. CAN YOU NAME THE SPIRIT THAT IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO BE AS FREE FROM FLAVOR, AROMA AND CHARACTER AS POSSIBLE? AND HOW IS THIS ACHIEVED

(Quiz continues on page 74)

SCORING is based on 100 points (with one extra question and a few extra points to help your total). Award yourself 5 points for each correct answer; partial credit for part-right answers on multiple-choice queries. If you score 80 or above, you've passed your bar exam with flying colors; 70 to 80 means you can hold your own in most company; 60 to 70 is on the thin edge and suggests that a bit of judicious attention to detail would not be amiss. If you fall below 60 points, it's back to school—or at least a good book on spirits—for you. (*The answers are on page 74.*)

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SPIRITS QUIZ

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14. SINCE AGING IMPROVES WHISKEY, THE OLDER WHISKEY IS, THE BETTER IT WILL BE—TRUE OR FALSE?

15. FOR 10 POINTS, CAN YOU CORRECTLY RANK THE FOLLOWING SPIRITS IN ORDER OF THEIR APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN CONSUMER: RUM, GIN, BOURBON, LIGHT WHISKEY, SCOTCH, VODKA, CORDIALS, BLENDED WHISKEY, CANADIAN WHISKEY, BRANDY?

16. ARE MARTINIS MORE POTENT THAN OTHER COCKTAILS?

17. CAN YOU NAME THE LATEST *IN* SPIRIT AND ONE OF THE POPULAR COCKTAILS IN WHICH IT'S USED?

18. GLASSWARE FOR COCKTAILS AND MIXED DRINKS COMES IN A RANGE OF SIZES. CAN YOU MATCH EACH KIND OF GLASS LISTED WITH THE APPROXIMATE SIZE FOR THAT CATEGORY?

a. Sour	1. 4 ounces
b. Cocktail	2. 12 ounces
c. Highball	3. 4 to 5 ounces
d. Collins	4. 6 ounces
e. Old-Fashioned	5. 8 ounces

19. MARC IS (A) A LIQUEUR, (B) A BRANDY, (C) AN APERITIF?

20. ACCURATE MEASURES ARE VITAL TO PROPER MIXED DRINKS AND INTELLIGENT SHOPPING. CAN YOU MATCH THE COMMON DRINK TERM ON THE LEFT WITH THE REAL MEASUREMENT AS GIVEN IN THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT?

a. A dash	1. 34 ounces
b. A fifth	2. 25.6 ounces
c. A jigger	3. 1 ounce
d. A pony	4. 4 or 5 drops
e. A litre	5. 1½ ounces

21. THE PRACTICE OF DRINKING "HEALTHS" IS WORLD-WIDE. CAN YOU RELATE THESE OFTEN-HEARD TOASTS ON THE LEFT TO THE COUNTRY THEY'RE FROM?

a. Slainte	1. Israel
b. Sköl	2. Ireland
c. Prosit	3. Spain
d. Salud	4. England
e. L'Chayim	5. Germany
f. God bless us everyone	6. Sweden

ANSWERS

1. Give yourself one point each for (A) Gin, (B) Brandy, (C) Rum, (D) Tequila and (F) Whiskey. Vermouth is a wine.

2. Old Tom is a sweet gin, popular at one time, rare now. It was the gin used in the first Martini. London Dry and American Gin are synonymous today, referring to a general style of crisp, light, dry gin. Hollands Gin, the original spirit distilled with juniper berries, is heavy and fairly pungent—with some whiskey characteristics. The name gin is derived from *genièvre*, French for juniper; the English, typically, shortened the unfamiliar term to gin.

3. No. In the United States, pure alcohol is 200 proof. That means that 100 proof whiskey is 50% alcohol. British proof is based on a different scale and 100 proof is 57.1% alcohol. Travelers will occasionally bring back whiskey from England labeled 70° proof (note that the English state proof with a degree sign), which would be the equivalent to 80 proof American whiskey.

4. A—3; Aquavit, a grain spirit, and Kummel, a liqueur, are both flavored with caraway. B—4; Kirsch, a brandy, and Wisniak, a liqueur, are both made from cherries. C—5; Sidra is sparkling apple cider and Calvados a French brandy made from apples. D—1; Ouzo is Greek, Pernod is French and both are liqueur-like specialties tasting of anise. E—2; Curaçao and Triple Sec are both liqueurs and both definitely orange.

5. A—5; B—3; C—1; D—4; E—2. These counts are all, of course, approximate, since the beverages vary even within a type. The prime sources of calories in all are alcohol and sug-

ar, with the greatest variation in the liqueurs group. (An ounce of Curaçao, for example, is about 80 calories, or 20 calories less than Benedictine.) For purposes of comparison, eight ounces of cola normally runs to about 95 calories.

6. A—1; B—6; C—7; D—5; E—3; F—2; G—4.

7. Give yourself nothing if you answered something about taste, for Sour Mash Bourbon is not sour. Give yourself five full points if you answered that the term sour mash refers to technique in fermentation. Also known as yeasting back, it is a process in which part of an old batch is added to the unfermented mash as a starter. It's claimed that this technique produces a more consistent product, batch to batch.

8. Yes. Light whiskey is distilled at much higher proofs and is aged in previously used barrels. Both of these factors are calculated to produce a lighter-bodied, more delicate whiskey, hence the name.

9. Give yourself five points if you know that the sprouted barley for Scotch is dried over open peat fires (imparting a smoky flavor), while the barley has no contact with peat smoke in the Irish process, and that most Scotches are blended with a fair amount of grain whisky, while there is no grain spirit in Irish whiskey blends. And even if you missed that, give yourself one point if you answered with the minor difference—unrelated to taste—that the Scots spell their spirit *whisky* and the Irish spell theirs *whiskey*.

10. They're all brandies made from fruits other than grapes. Applejack is an American apple brandy; Slivovitz is a plum brandy from central Europe; Mirabelle is a plum brandy from France, and Framboise, also from France, is a brandy derived from raspberries.

11. A: Molasses and other sugar cane products. B: Corn. C: Grape wine. D: Rye grain. E: Corn (but in much higher percentage than is required for the making of Bourbon).

12. True. Only that brandy made from specified grapes grown in the French district of Charente and made by a specified pot still method may be sold by the name Cognac.

13. The spirit is vodka, and its special state is achieved by distillation at very high proofs—over 190° F—not by charcoal filtering, as is often assumed. The charcoal filtering is a refinement and not part of the basic distilling process.

14. False. Aging in wood will improve whiskeys up to a point, depending on the nature of the particular whiskey. Lighter whiskeys require less aging and don't benefit from more than four or five years in wood. And even full-bodied spirits tend to decline after 15 years in the cask. Incidentally, spirits do not age after they are bottled, even though wines do.

15. Based on the latest available government figures, the order of popularity is: 1. Bourbon 2. Blended Whiskey 3. Vodka 4. Scotch 5. Canadian Whisky 6. Gin 7. Cordials 8. Brandy 9. Rum 10. Light Whiskey.

16. They aren't—necessarily. It's only the amount of alcohol imbibed, not the mixture, that counts. Martinis tend to contain a bit more alcohol because gins run to slightly higher proofs than other spirits and the vermouth also contributes. For example, a Manhattan will have a bit less alcohol in its combination because whiskeys are lower in proof than the gin is.

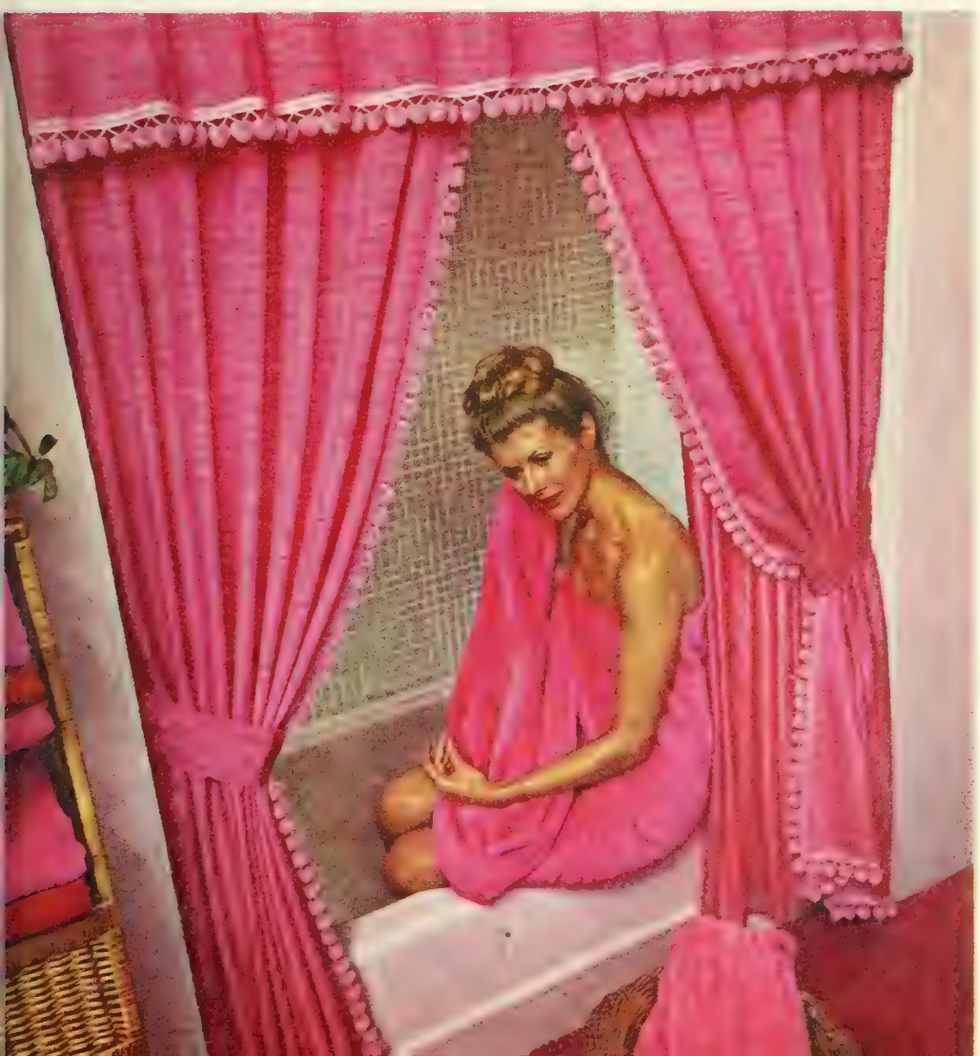
17. Tequila, which may have been the first spirit made on the North American continent, had a large 70% rise in sales last year. The traditional cocktail associated with Tequila is the Margarita; one of the latest to become popular is the Sunrise.

18. A—3; B—1; C—5; D—2; E—4 (with the popularity of on-the-rocks drinking, you might also find the traditional wide-mouthed, straight-sided, heavy-bottomed glass known as the Old Fashioned also called the Double Rocks glass—a good size to hold "rocks," a garnish and reasonable amount of spirits).

19. B; Marc is a French brandy distilled from the pomace—the pulpy residue remaining after the juice has been pressed from wine grapes. The same spirit is known as Grappa in Italy.

20. A—4; B—2; C—5; D—3; E—1. (For comparison with the fifth and the litre, a standard quart is 32 ounces.)

21. A—2; B—6; C—5; D—3; E—1; F—4; (Did you recognize Tiny Tim's familiar quote from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?) ■



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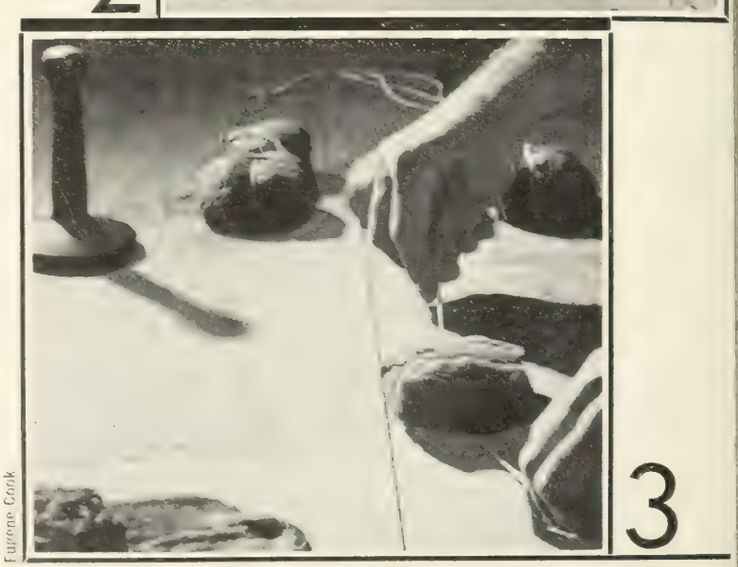
Paupiettes of Veal Lyonnaise
By Jacques Pépin

A paupiette is always a thin piece of meat or fish that is first stuffed, rolled and secured with a toothpick or string and then braised. It is sometimes called a headless bird (*oiseaux sans têtes* in French) because, when completed, each of these little packages resembles a stuffed quail or woodcock. We give the instructions below for preparing the scallopines and have the recipes at right for making one of our own favorite stuffings and then for cooking the completed Veal Birds for a lovely dinner party dish.



Preparing the scallopines is the most delicate part of this dish. The meat should be without fat or gristle and is usually cut from the top sirloin or the loin. Each piece should weigh about 2¼ to 2½ ounces. Pound each piece into a paper-thin slice about six to eight inches in width. If you do not have a good meat pounder in your kitchen equipment or if you do not feel confident about your efforts, ask your butcher to prepare the scallopines for you.





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Place two tablespoons of stuffing on each scallopine. Wrap the veal around stuffing to form a package and tie securely with string. Cook according to your own recipe or the one given at right.

Veal Birds Lyonnaise

8 veal scallopines, prepared for stuffing

Stuffing
½ cup mushrooms, chopped (about three)
½ cup onion, chopped
¼ cup celery, chopped
1 clove garlic, peeled, crushed and chopped fine
1 pound ground pork shoulder
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 tablespoon sweet butter
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the mushrooms and cook for one minute. Add the onion and celery and sauté for two minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the remaining ingredients. Stuff the scallopines as described at left and cook as directed below.

To complete the dish:
4 tablespoons sweet butter
1 pound onions, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, peeled, crushed and chopped
1 cup dry white wine
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon arrowroot
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

You will need a large casserole with a cover. Melt two tablespoons of butter in the casserole, brown the paupiettes on all sides and set aside. In a skillet, melt the remaining butter, add the onions and sauté for three to four minutes. Add the garlic and sauté one minute longer. Pour the onion mixture over the birds, then deglaze the skillet with the wine and add this liquid to the birds with the salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, over low heat for 25 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer the veal birds to a platter and remove the strings. Keep warm. Mix the arrowroot into a smooth paste with the cold water and stir into the braising liquid. Bring to a boil and taste; add salt and pepper if needed. Pour the sauce over the veal birds, sprinkle with parsley and serve immediately, two to a person.

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what and boil until all the water has evaporated and the onion is soft and transparent. Tie the fennel, parsley, orange rind and bay leaf up in cheesecloth. Add to the casserole with the celery, fish broth and salt. Bring to a boil very slowly, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. *The stew can be prepared to this point up to a day before.* Bring to a boil before you add the fish.

Cut the fish into two-inch pieces, separating the thick pieces from the thin. Add the thick pieces first to the simmering broth. Cover. After three minutes, add the thin pieces and cook two minutes longer by the clock. Do not overcook or your stew will be a mush. Once the fish is cooked, lift with a slotted spoon to a big, heated soup tureen. Discard the bag of seasonings.

Beat the egg yolks lightly with a little of the broth, then pour into the casserole. Cook, beating constantly, for one minute. Do not boil or it will curdle. Taste again for seasoning. Ladle broth over fish in soup tureen.

To serve, place a piece of the bread in each hot soup plate and ladle some of the fish and broth over it. Serves six to eight.

With this, Bespaloff suggests a full-flavored dry rosé, such as a Tavel or a Provence Rosé from France, a Gamay Zinfandel Rosé from California or an Alsatian Riesling or one of the unusual white wines from the Rhône.

Fish Broth

2 pounds fish bones and trimmings
1 large yellow onion, quartered, skin on
1 or 2 ribs celery, chopped
1 large carrot, washed and chopped
1 cup dry white wine
4 cups cold water
2 or 3 stalks parsley
1 bay leaf
½ teaspoon dried thyme
Salt to taste

Place the fish bones and trimmings in a large kettle. Cover with cold water. Bring to a boil. Strain. (*Continued on page 116*)

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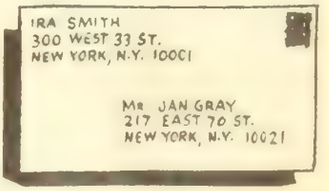
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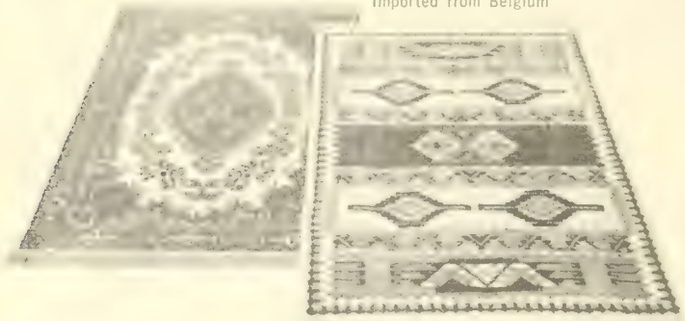


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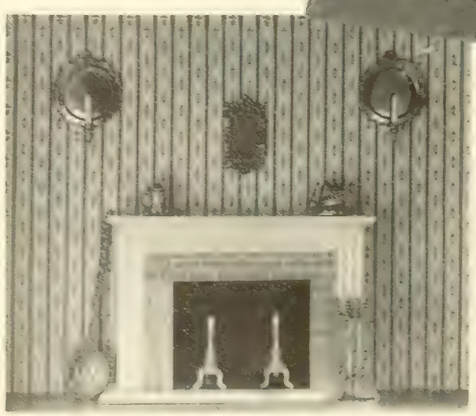
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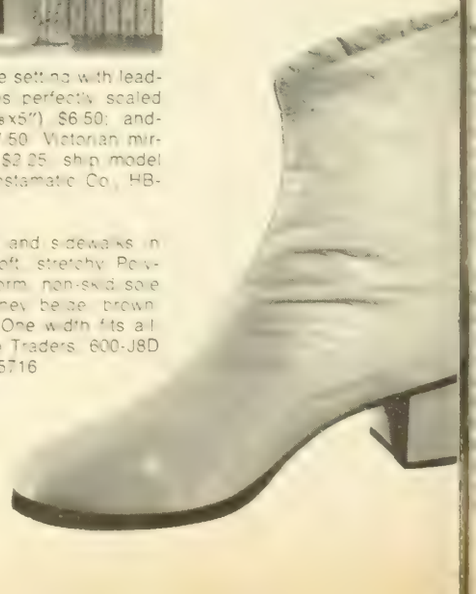
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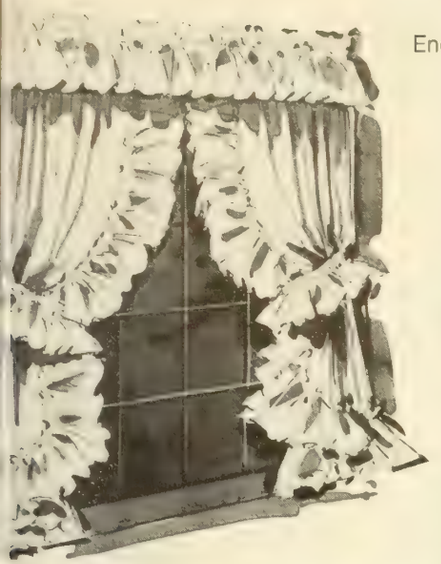
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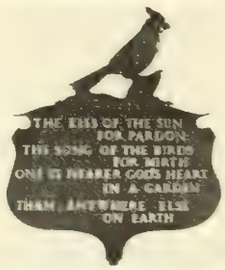
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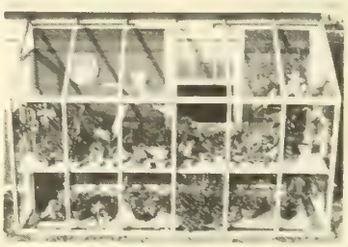
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ULCERS HEALED! In a medical-health publication, a doctor reports that he treats his ulcer patients with this same oil. After this treatment, a friend is now able to eat the hottest Mexican spices!

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LIVER PROBLEMS HEALED! On page 100, Dr. Kadans tells you how to use a certain common green plant, recommended for cleansing the liver and spleen. Says another authority: "Hepatitis, or inflammation of the liver, and jaundice, when uncomplicated, readily yield to it." Around 75 years ago, one doctor claimed that the root of this vegetable relieved liver trouble that had afflicted him for 15 years!

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Running down the list, we find:

A common fruit, which Dr. Kadans shows you how to use on page 136, that—according to one researcher—helps protect against *indigestion . . . . . gas . . . heartburn . . . sour stomach.* Modern research shows that this fruit contains a powerful enzyme that cleanses the system! One doctor tells how he treated *painful hemorrhoids* with this enzyme, and in three days a 52-year-old woman's improvement was regarded complete; she needed no surgery! With another user, gas pains disappeared like magic!

A common nut, page 175, which Dr. Kadans reports is good for constipation, having a definite laxative effect.

KIDNEY AND BLADDER RELIEF

On page 136, Dr. Kadans shows how a common, pleasant-tasting vegetable, often used merely as food decoration, may be used for a wide variety of illnesses but more particularly for dissolving gravel, bladder, and kidney stones.

PROSTATE AND DIABETES

One popular English authority reports some spectacular uses of this same common vegetable. A gentleman in his sixties was unable to pass water. He was suffering from prostate trouble—but because he had diabetes, they couldn't operate. Advised to try a tea made of this same vegetable, he reported he soon could urinate freely and it was found that all traces of sugar had vanished from his urine!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

JOSEPH M. KADANS, Ph.D., has devoted his life to studying the use of natural food medicines. He has done extensive research on their amazing qualities and has shared his findings with thousands in his writings and lectures. Recognizing his genius, the U.S. Government assigned young Kadans, *at the age of 20,* to edit a health and safety magazine that reached 50,000 employees. He is an alumnus of 10 colleges and universities, and has served on four university faculties. Dr. Kadans is the founder and president of Bernadean University, and is the author of "Modern Encyclopedia of Herbs."

RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS

This same English authority refers to an elderly man who could barely hobble with the aid of two canes. When he drank the vegetable tea, he became well enough to discard the canes! This same humble plant has been hailed as a miracle healer because of its ability to relax stiff fingers and gnarled joints, according to another writer. He tells how a dressmaker's fingers became stiff and unmanageable. Medication was of no avail. But after drinking the vegetable tea daily, her fingers became youthfully nimble again!

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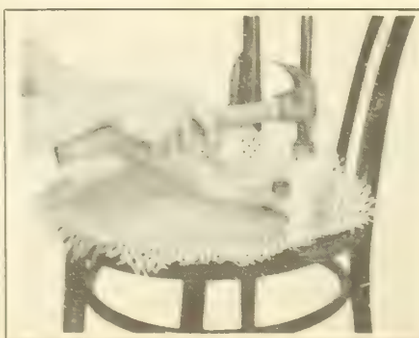
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Linda Simon ...after 9 days with the 5-Minute Body Shaper plan. She's a bit slimmer, trimmer, more energetic



Jim Hanley, Research Director for **Shape Up** magazine, records his interview with Linda Simon to verify her results with the 5-Minute Body Shaper. Mr. Hanley is a former athletic director and has had extensive experience with many body building and weight reduction plans.

Q (Hanley): How do you account for your incredible results with the Body Shaper? Frankly, I found it hard to believe.

A (Simon): I can't blame you for being skeptical. I was, too, at first. But, I followed the plan, just the way it was outlined in the booklet that comes with the Body Shaper. It was quite simple, really. But losing 7 pounds—and 5¾ inches off my waistline—in only 9 days was a lot more than I ever expected.

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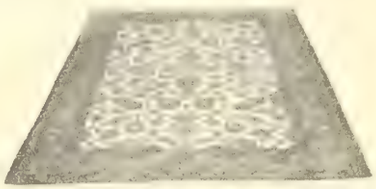
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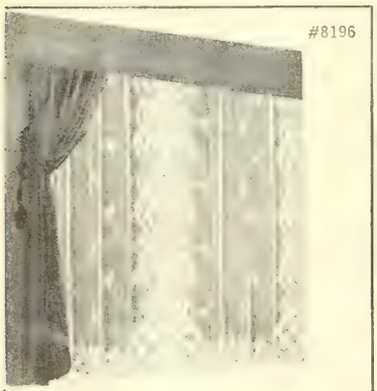
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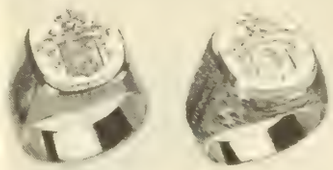
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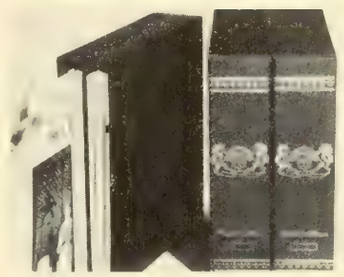
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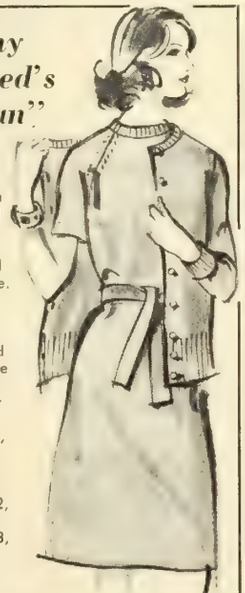
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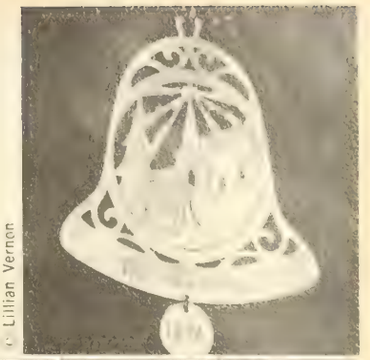
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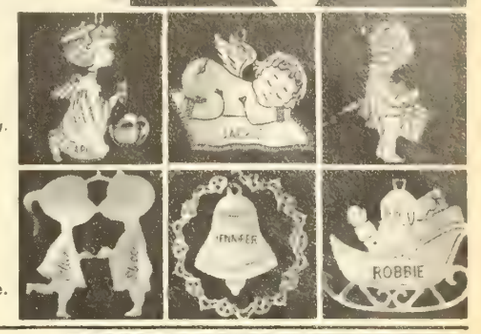
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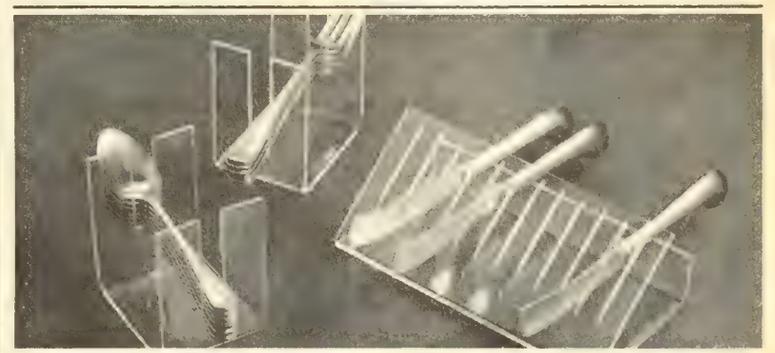
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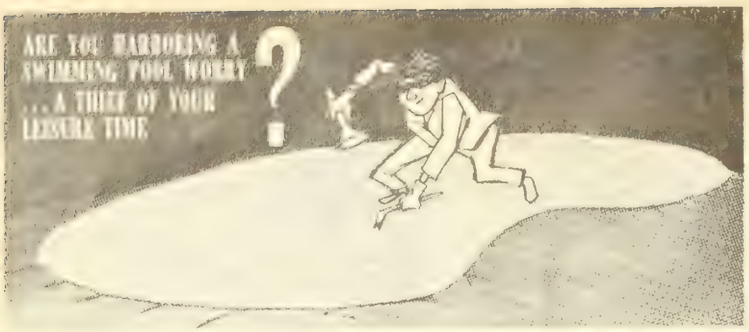
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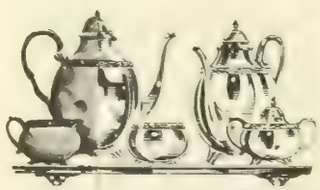
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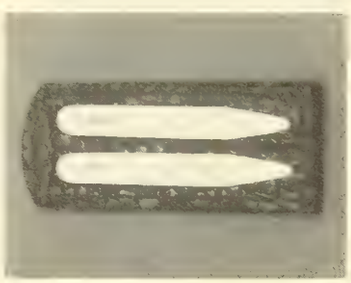


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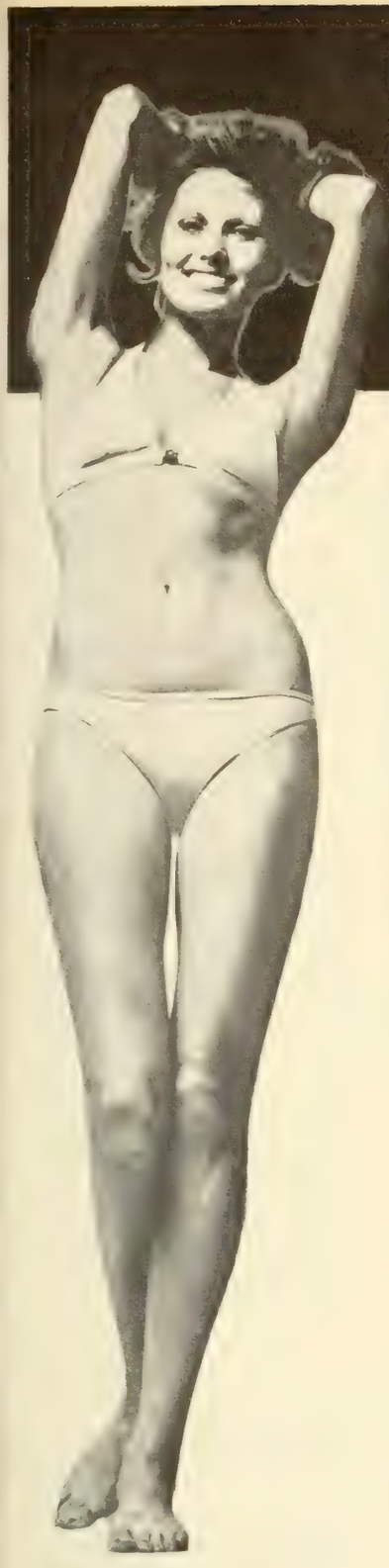


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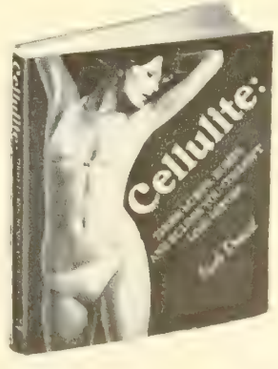
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Mme. NICOLE RONSARD ... the author



She is a graduate of the world renowned Ecole Superieure de Paris in Esthetique Corporelle (science related to body shaping techniques).

Under the tutelage of Rene Morice, she probed the causes of cellulite, and with intensive studies in anatomy, physiology, histology, nutrition, calisthenics and manipulative therapy, developed a successful method of treating it.

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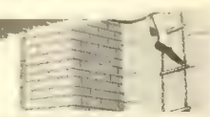
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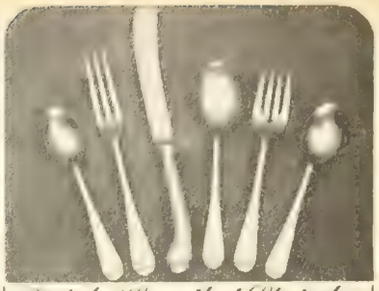
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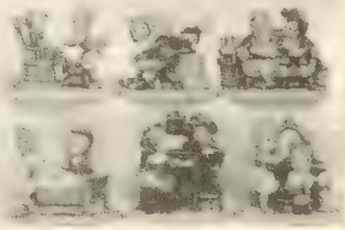
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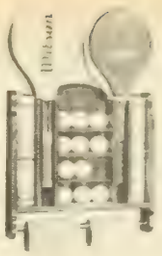
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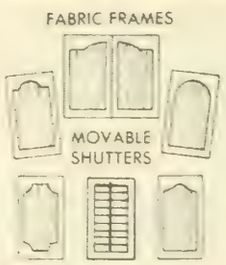
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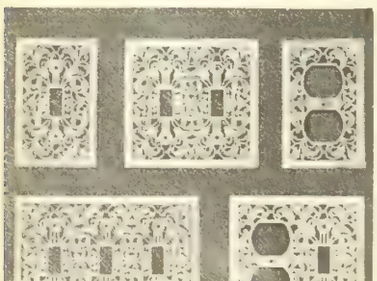
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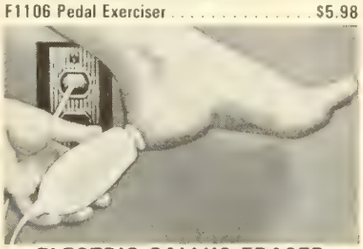
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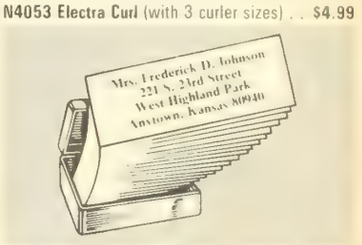
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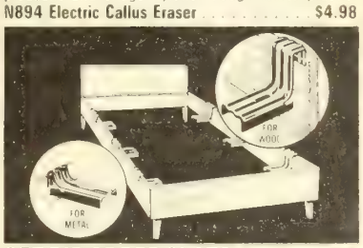
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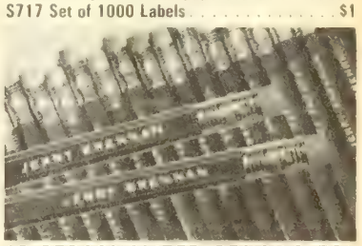
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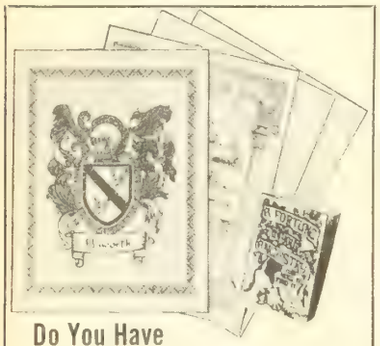
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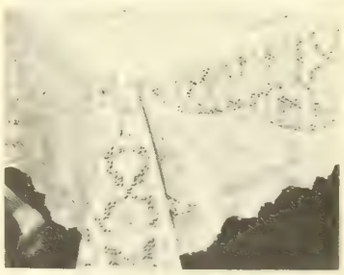
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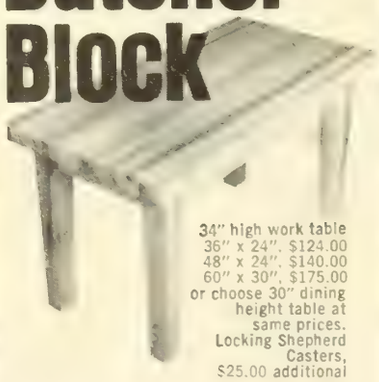
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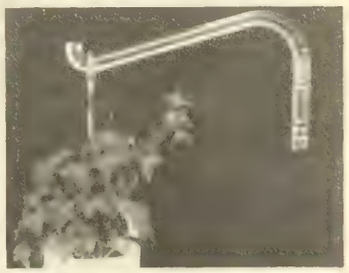
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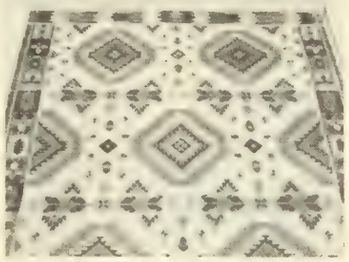
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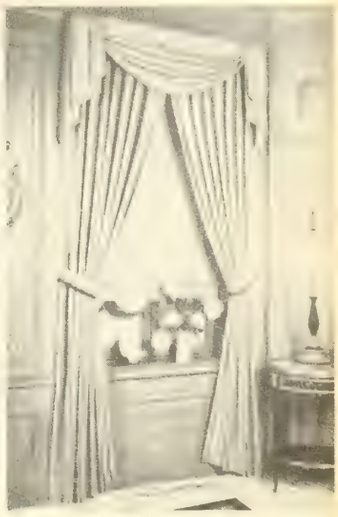
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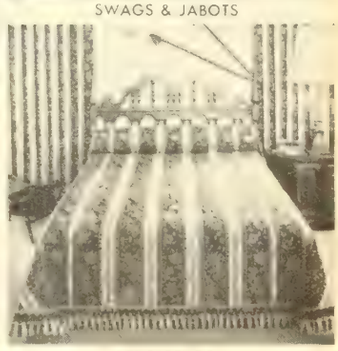
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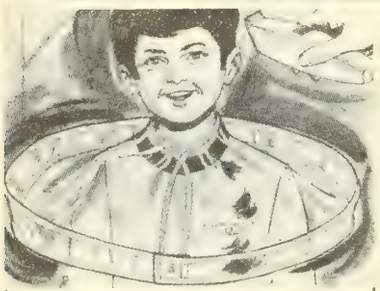
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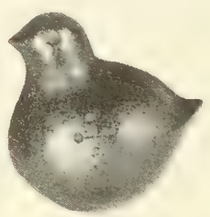
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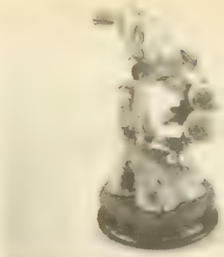
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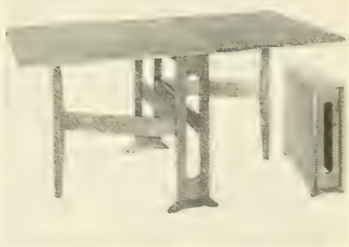
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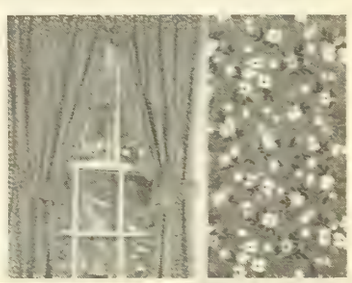
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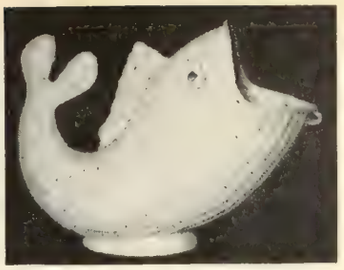
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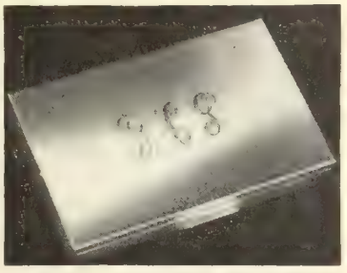
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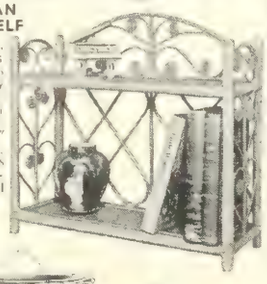
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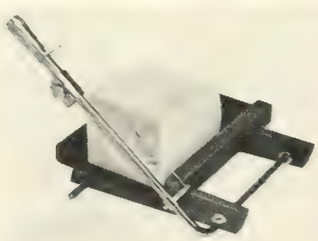
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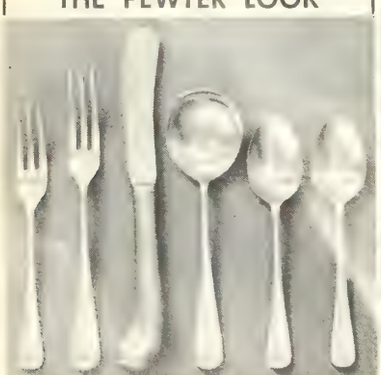


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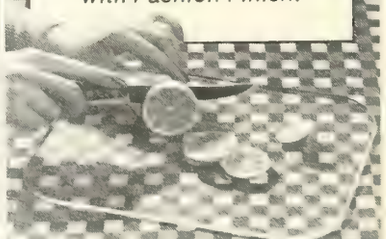
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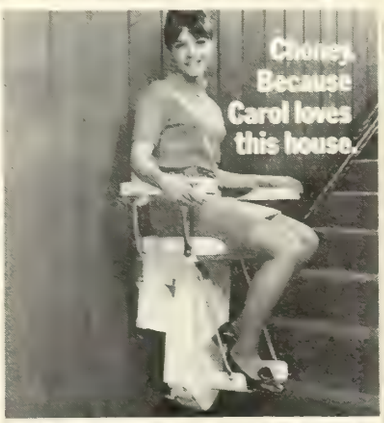


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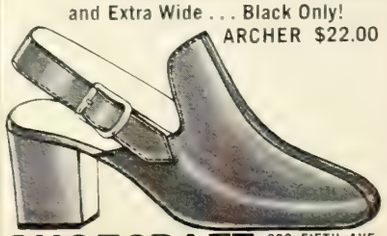
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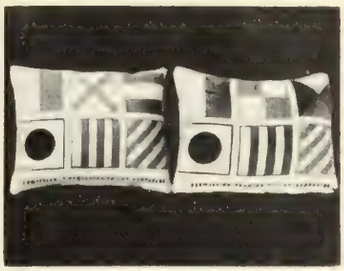


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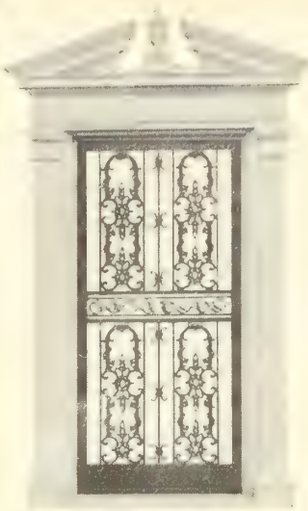
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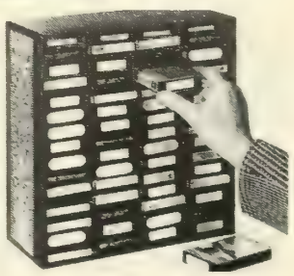


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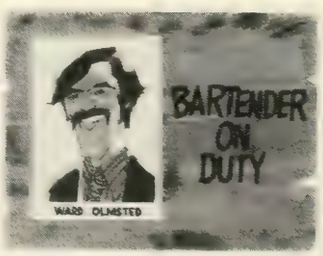


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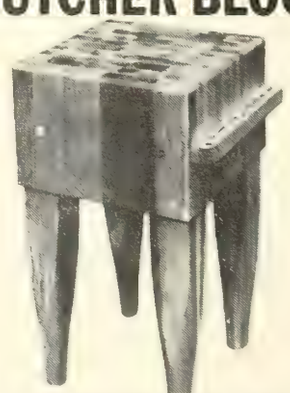


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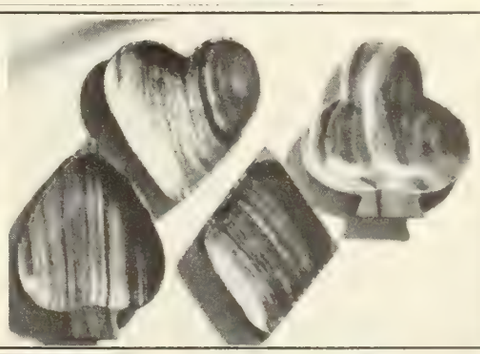
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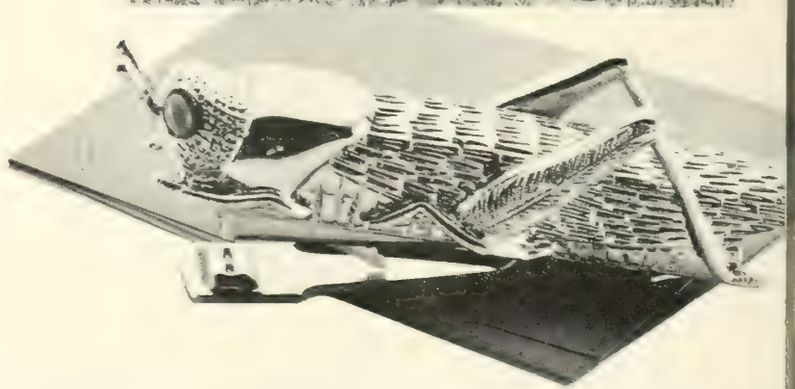
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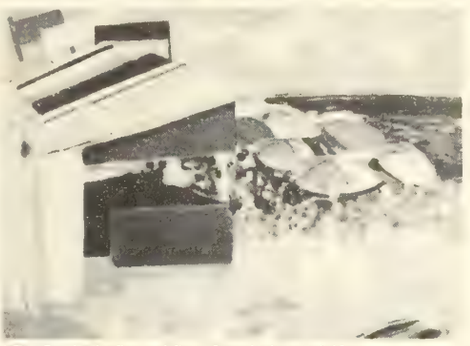
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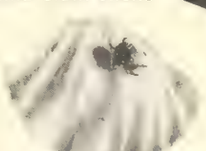
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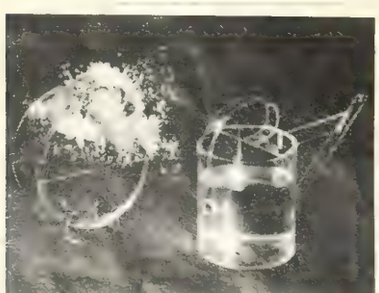
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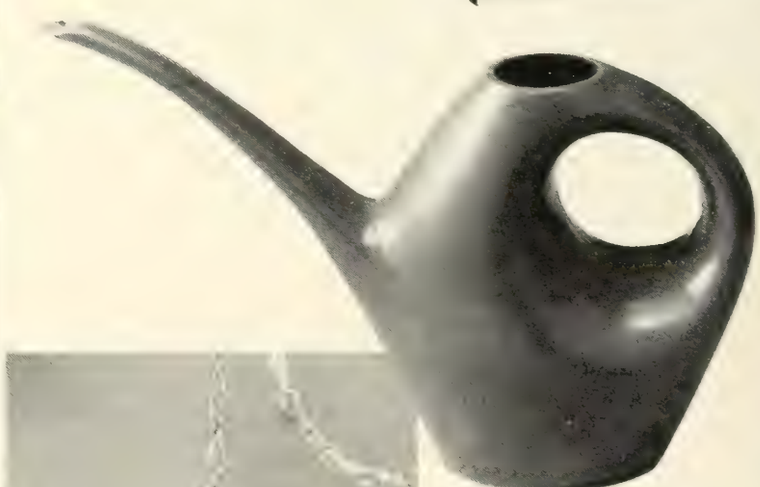
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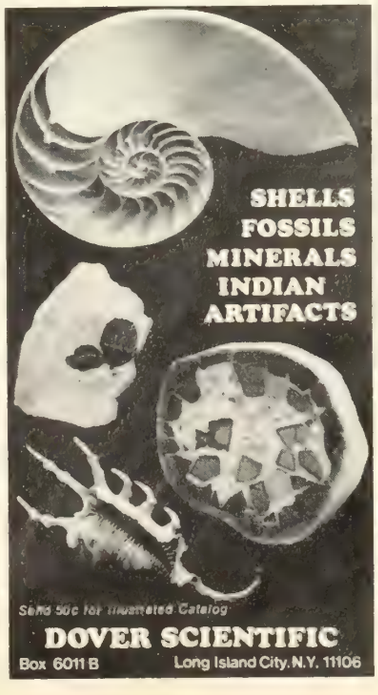
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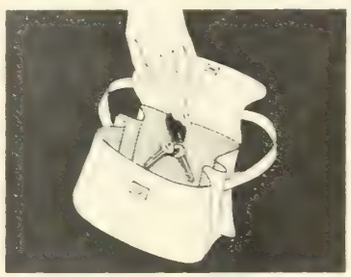
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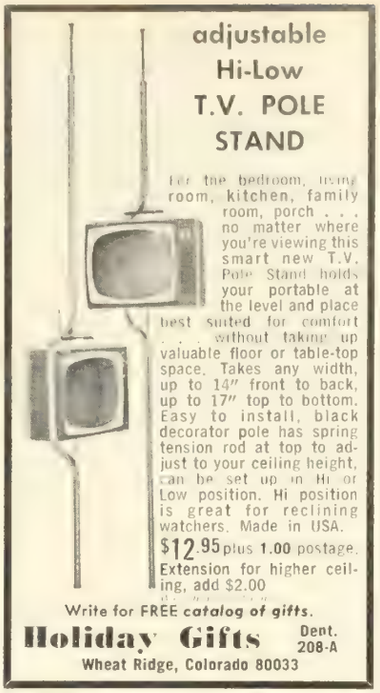


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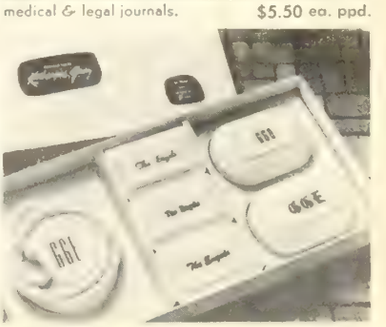
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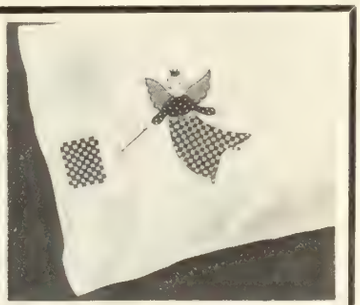




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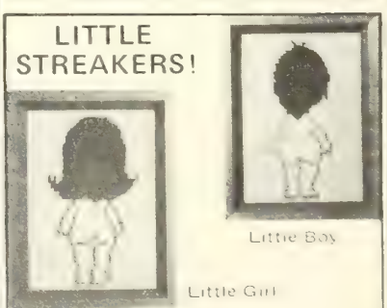
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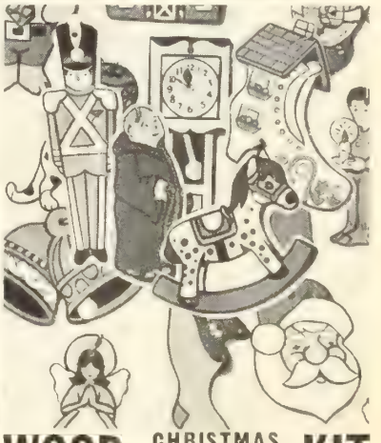
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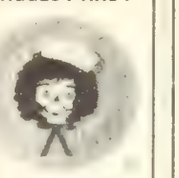
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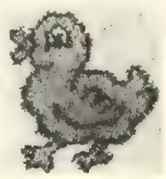
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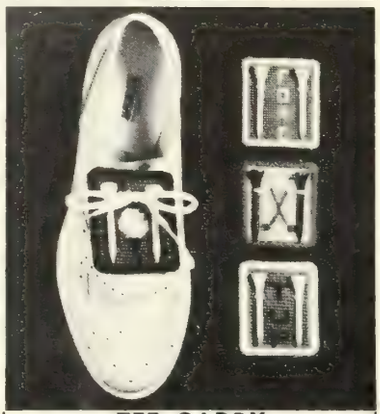
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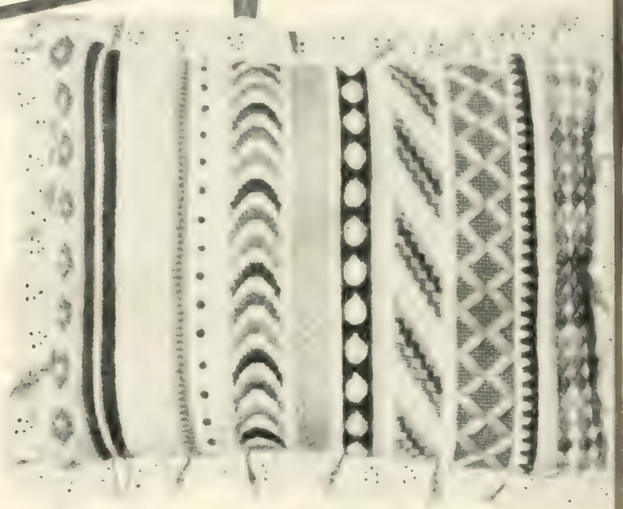
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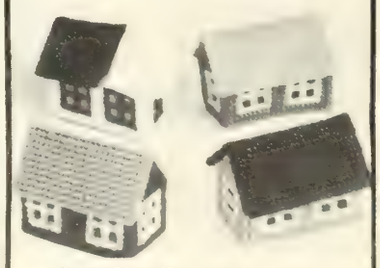
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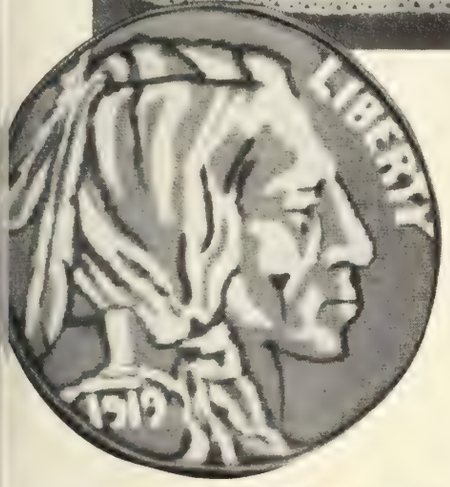
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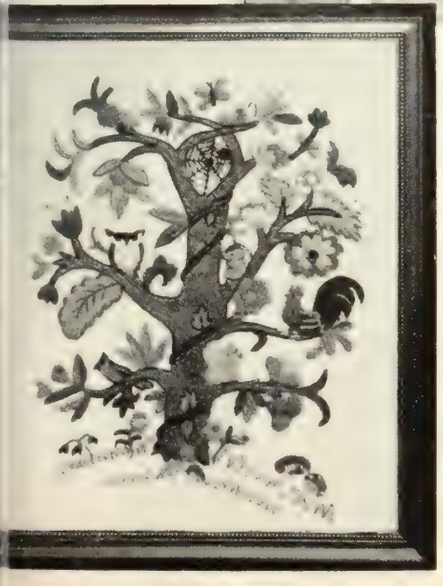


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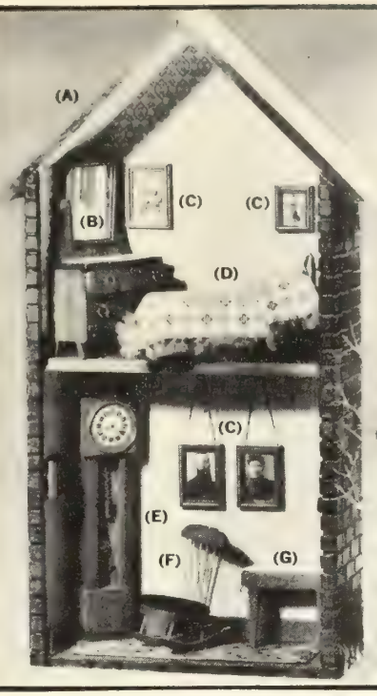




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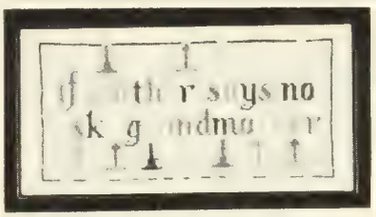
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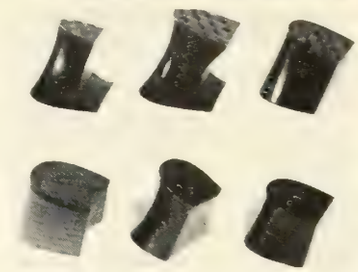


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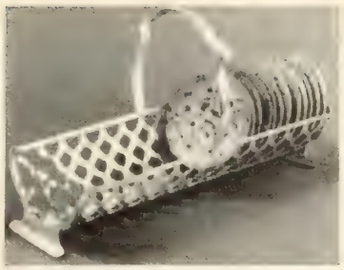
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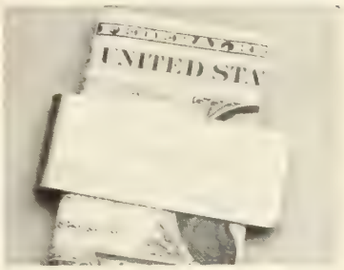
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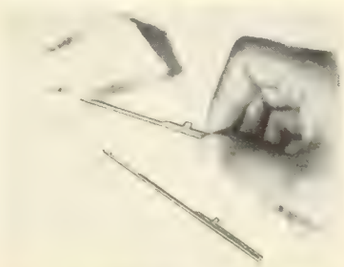
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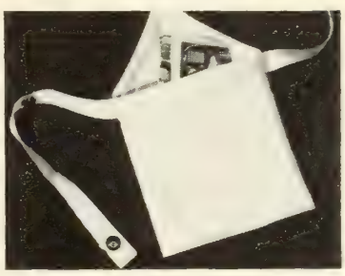
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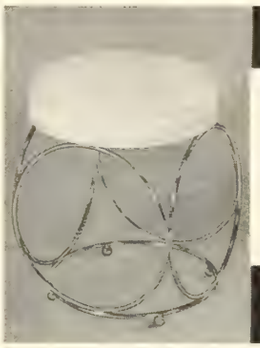
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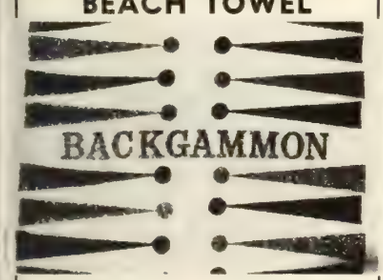
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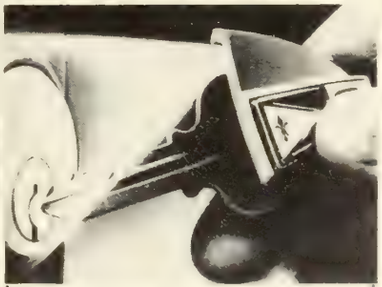
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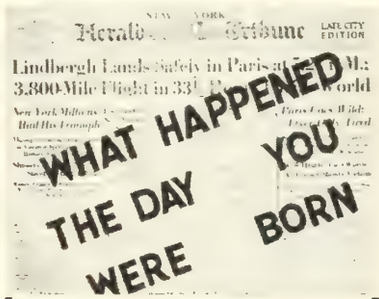
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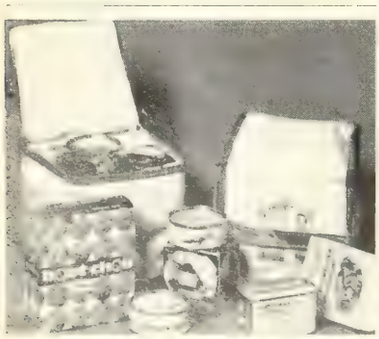
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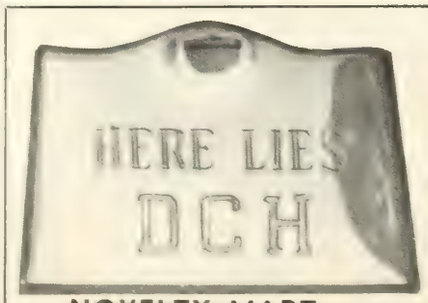


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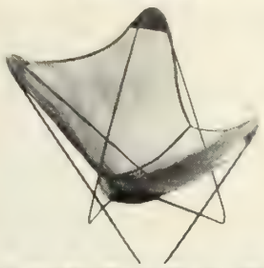
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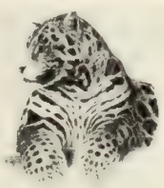
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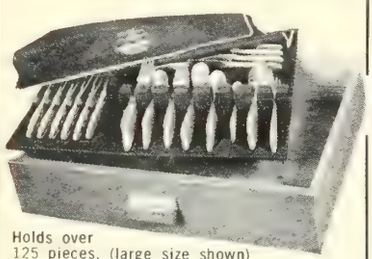
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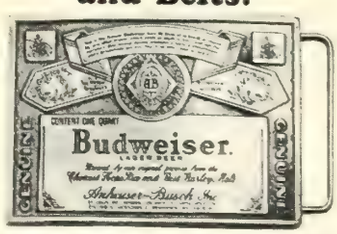
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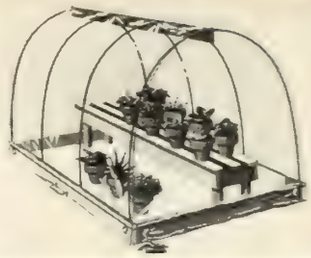
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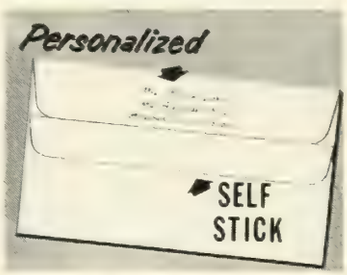
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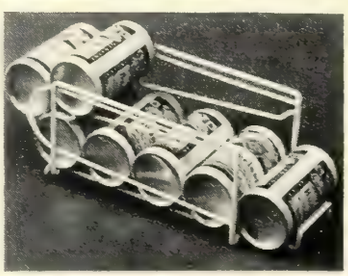
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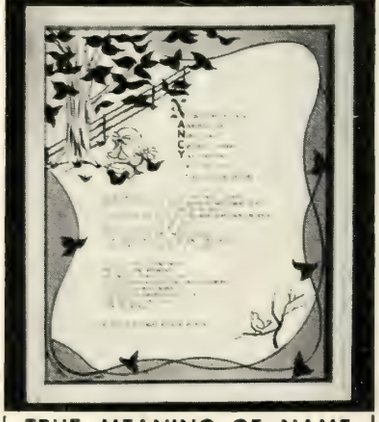
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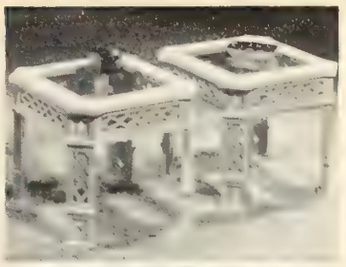
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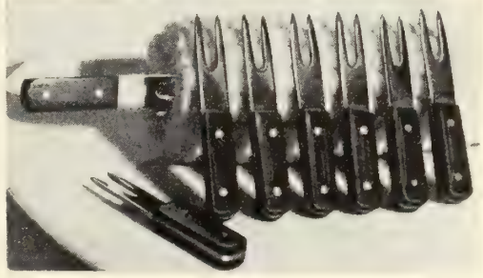
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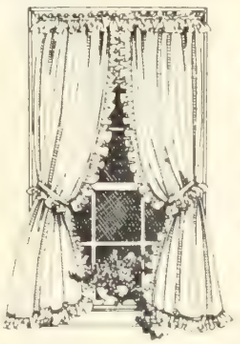
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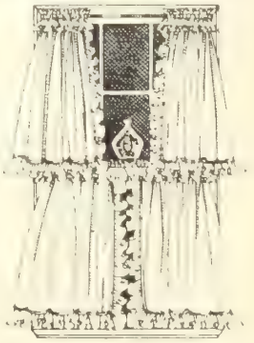
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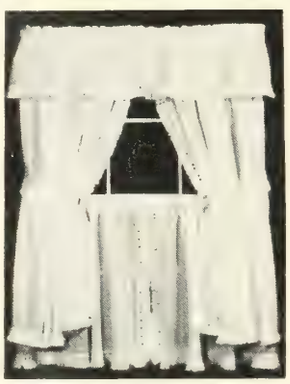
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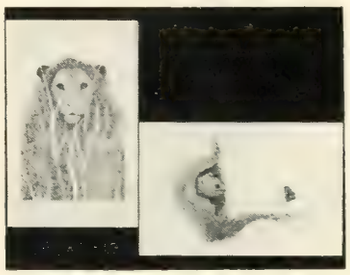
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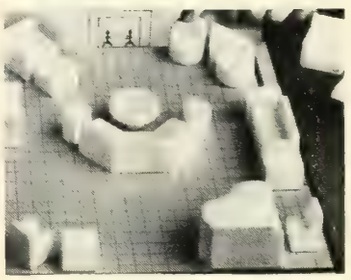
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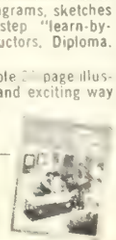
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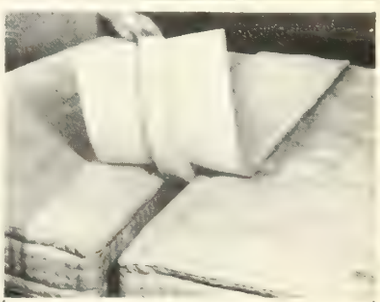


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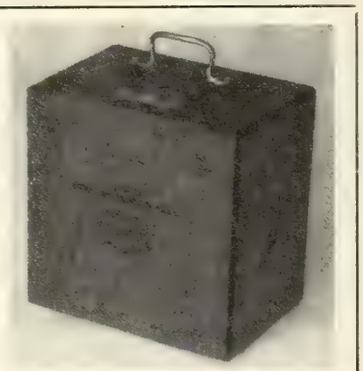
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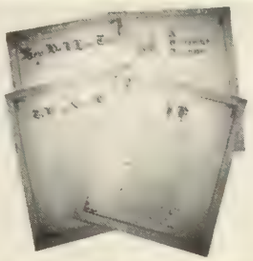
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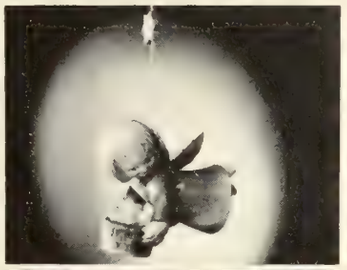
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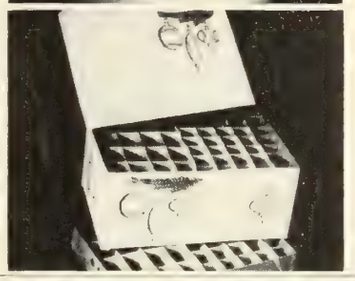
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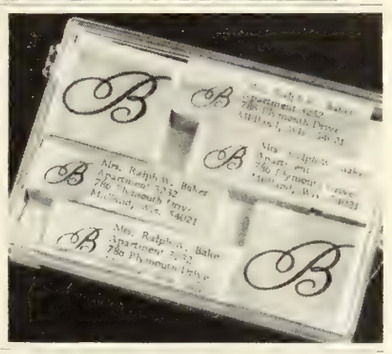
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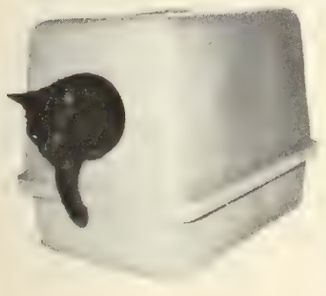
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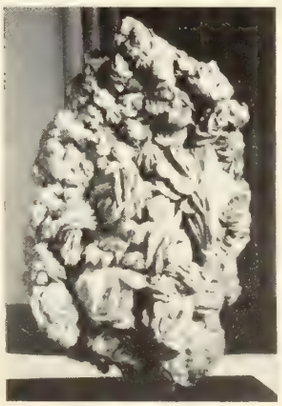
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Rinse kettle and rinse bones in cold water to remove scum.

Return to the kettle with all remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 30 minutes. Strain through a large fine sieve lined with several layers of dampened cheesecloth. Makes 1½ quarts. *Note:* In the event you can't get the bones, etc., you can always use clam juice. In that case, you'll need three pint bottles.

Kitchen Clambake

This great big hearty all-American meal, originally cooked in a pit on the shore, can be made right in your own kitchen or over a good fire in the backyard.

6 dozen littleneck clams, scrubbed well
18 small white onions, peeled
12 small white potatoes, peeled
Salt
1 cup dry white wine
3 one-pound lobsters
1½ pounds pork sausage links (separated)
2 pounds fish fillets (cod or halibut), cut into six serving pieces
12 ears fresh corn, hulled
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
1 egg yolk
Freshly ground pepper

You'll need two heavy eight-quart kettles for this.

Place half the clams in each kettle with half the onions and half the potatoes on top. Sprinkle rather generously with salt and add half the wine to each. Cover tightly and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and steam 10 minutes. At this point, add the lobsters and sausage, half to each kettle. Cover again and steam another 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, wrap the pieces of fish in cheesecloth, half for each kettle. When the second steaming period is up, add the fish and the corn to the kettles. Cover again and steam another 10 minutes—exactly.

Once everything is cooked, lift from the kettles. Split the lobsters in half and arrange everything on a large, heated platter. Keep warm in a low (140° to 200°) oven. (Discard any clams that did not open.)

Strain all the juices through a sieve lined with dampened cheesecloth into a saucepan, leaving a small residue at the bottom in case any sand remains. Place over a high heat and reduce to about two cups.

To make a sauce: Work the flour into *2 tablespoons of butter* to make a *beurre manié*. Drop by bits into the broth and beat with a wire whip until smooth. Beat the egg yolk with a little of the broth, then add to the kettle, beating constantly. Stir in the remaining butter and season with salt and pepper.

Serve in individual small bowls for dipping. Serves six.

Bespaloff suggests an inexpensive California or New York State "jug" wine in carafes.

Stuffed Breast of Veal

4½ to 5 pounds breast of veal
1½ cups fresh bread crumbs (about four slices firm white bread)
¼ cup milk
½ cup peanut or vegetable oil
2 large onions, peeled and minced
2 cloves garlic, crushed and minced
½ pound ham, ground (about two cups)
1 teaspoon thyme
10 to 15 sprigs parsley, minced
1 rib celery, minced
2 eggs, slightly beaten
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 large carrot, peeled and minced
1 cup dry white wine
1 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon tomato paste

Have the butcher make a pocket in the meat.

Combine the bread crumbs and milk. Then squeeze dry. Heat 3 tablespoons of the oil in a small saucepan. Add half the minced onion and the garlic and sauté for a couple of minutes. Mix in the ground ham, then combine with the bread crumbs, thyme, parsley and celery, eggs and salt and pepper to taste. (You won't need much, if any, salt, as ham tends to be salty.)

Salt and pepper the pocket and stuff with the mixture, making sure to fill the corners. Secure opening with skewers or sew with heavy white thread.

Pour *half the remaining vegetable oil* into a large, heavy enameled casserole. Add the meat. Salt and pepper the meat and pour over the remaining oil. Scatter the remaining onion and the carrot around the meat. Place in a preheated 450° oven for 10 minutes. Add *half the wine* and *half the broth mixed with the tomato paste, reduce* oven temperature to 375° and cook for two hours or until a Professional Meat Thermometer registers 160°. Baste the meat regularly with the pan juices. Add more wine and broth if the juices boil away. *Do not pierce the meat or turn it over.*

Lift the meat from the casserole, slice and arrange on a heated serving platter. Keep veal warm in a 140° to 200° oven. (*Continued on page 119*)

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Why are soybeans suddenly news?

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Are soybeans currently used in any commercial foods?

Yes. The several forms in which soybeans are now processed are being used variously in baked goods, baby foods, dehydrated soups, packaged dinners and as a binder in hot dogs.

What are meat analogs?

Meat analogs or meat look-alikes (more precisely alternatives to meat, fish or poultry protein) are vegetable proteins that have been made (texturized is the trade expression) to simulate the texture, flavor and appearance of a wide variety of meats, poultry and seafood. Already in some markets, but not yet available nationally, you will find hamlike flavor-textured vegetable protein slices, sausagelike flavor-textured vegetable protein patties, sausagelike flavor-textured vegetable protein links—all ready to heat and serve. Precooked and frozen chunks, just coming on the market, have either ham or chicken flavor. In addition, you will find chips of vegetable protein with a baconlike flavor, the first soybean consumer product and on the market since 1968. These are used to garnish eggs, potatoes, salads, etc.

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What is soy flour?

The ground product obtained after the oil and the seed coat of the soybean has been removed. It is used in making doughnuts, breads, rolls, cakes and cookies.

In cooking, do you use the same amount of kosher salt as you do table salt?

No. Kosher, an ultra-high-purity salt without the addition of free-flowing or anti-caking ingredients, is less dense with a greater bulk volume per pound than common granulated table salt. Accordingly, the Diamond Salt Co. tells us, a recipe calling for one teaspoon of regular salt would require roughly 2½ teaspoons kosher salt. That is, to give the equivalent seasoning by weight. It may interest you to know that most French chefs and good cooks are inclined to use kosher salt because it is an excellent substitute for *gros sel*, which is used extensively in France.

Can you use any kind of salt in pickling?

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of that breed of old manors, old castles and old monasteries turned hostelry that can add so much pizzazz to a motor tour of France. They are often come upon in unexpected places—one reason why it's smart to motor forth equipped with a listing of the Relais de Campagne, to which many such places belong. Needless to say, the plump red Michelin guide to hotels and restaurants and Michelin green regional guides should go along, too—and a phrase book.

Next day, we made the fantastic medieval shrine of Rocamadour in time to lunch on the terrace of the Hôtel Ste-Marie, although to make Rocamadour at any time is to ascend by lift from the banks of the Alzou River to assorted rocky shelves of a high escarpment, thanking your stars every moment that you're not doing it on your knees as the 12th-century pilgrims did to do homage to the Black Virgin in a grotto chapel. If ecclesiastical jewelry is your dish—enough to dazzle you more than the lofty sunshine—don't pass up the Treasury. Or the ramparts or the wooded paths that take you to bird's-eye heights and to panoramic views over hills and dales.

The route from Rocamadour into the Dordogne valley is aptly called the route of marvels. The loops and twists of that lovely river, its poplar-lined banks and hills of oak forest, generously scattered with castles, manufacture some pretty great scenery. You're in Périgord now—a place to savor on many counts whether your tastes run to lush landscape, prehistoric caves or the pleasures of the table. If you love *pâté de foie gras*, goose in any form, *truffles* in any form, river trout, salads dressed in walnut oil, the wine of Monbazillac, dinners seriously discussed beforehand, seriously prepared and programmed to be eaten in no less than three hours, Périgord's for you. Here sandwich-snatchers are frowned upon.

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Le Bugue, which makes good headquarters for Périgourdine excursions, has the Royal Vézère Hôtel, which views the rushing Vézère River on one side and faces the town square—a great people-watching place on Tuesday mornings, when it turns into a provincial market. The more romantic might opt to stay at the Vieux Logis in Trémolat, where the Dordogne takes one of its most enchanting twists and where they put a cabbage rose on your breakfast tray.

As for those excursions—Périgord invites leisurely rambles, with visits to atmospheric towns like Périgueux, Sarlat, Bergerac (even if Cyrano was a fiction). And the latest news is that you can now "do" Périgord and the Dordogne on horseback or in a horse-drawn wagon accommodating four—the routes masterminded by Cheval/Voyage, 8 rue de Milan, Paris 9. Riders stay at equestrian villages—from $26 a day to $350 a week, all meals included, plus three hours a day riding instruction. Energetic but nice.

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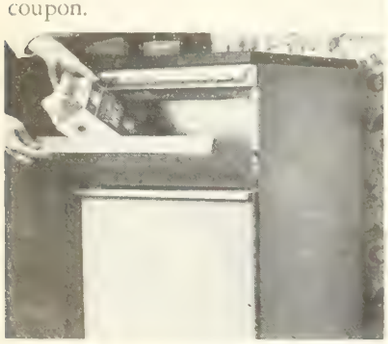
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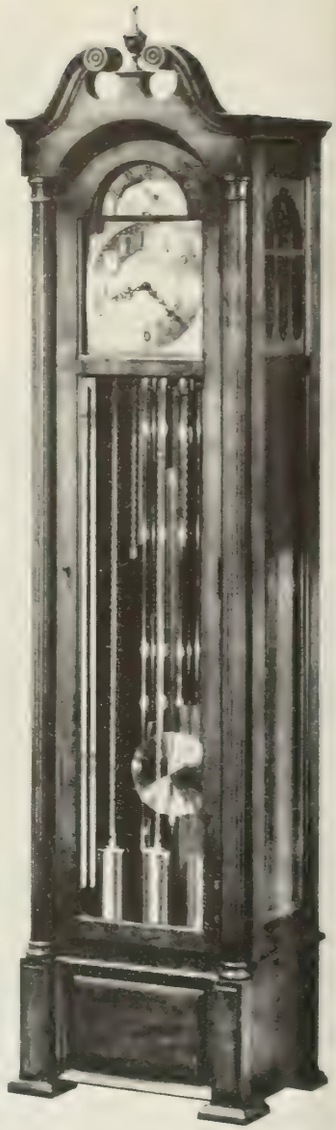
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WHY VOLUNTEER FOR WORK THAT IS UNREWARDING?

By ANNE OGDEN □ "If I wouldn't take a paid job as a secretary, why should I volunteer as one?" a suburban Detroit wife and mother asked. She found her own volunteer niche as a fund-raiser. Her sentiments echo those of many who have found the volunteer job that suits them best and who derive genuine satisfaction from the unpaid work they do. Each person's view of what is rewarding is different, of course. Hospital work upsets some; stuffing envelopes is relaxing to others; speaking out on public issues or guiding children around museums is fulfilling to many. Whether you decide to volunteer or not—and what you do with your time—is a matter of personal preference, but the main reason to volunteer in the first place is because you want to.

For more than a few, volunteering is, it seems, a way to establish or keep one's social standing. Because the cause is "worthy" or the work socially acceptable, some people labor at unpaid work that they don't enjoy. Doing work you don't like is a questionable personal response to the need for volunteers.

At the other extreme, there are those who feel that volunteering your services at all is degrading. One of the most strident voices against volunteering services comes from the National Organization for Women (NOW). The group explains that it encourages volunteering for causes—political campaigns or platforms such as "equal pay for equal work"—but service volunteering, such as hospital work, furthers the notion that women are second-class citizens who will work for no pay, just as they do housework for no pay. Any service needed, NOW insists, should be subsidized by government or locally raised money. (As an example of the group's own money-raising tactics, when we asked NOW leaders for their latest statement on volunteering, a form letter arrived explaining it was available for $3 to nonmembers.)

In contrast to NOW's attitude, there are groups dedicated to promoting service volunteering. Organizations such as the National Center for Voluntary Action are bent on encouraging worthwhile, professional volunteer service. Such groups acknowledge that volunteering should change to reflect the changing role of women, but they are unshaken in the fundamental belief that giving one's services is valid. These associations see volunteers playing an important role in society and in many ways wielding more influence than paid workers.

The Association of Junior Leagues believes that volunteers can "experiment, demonstrate and innovate, monitor the public sector objectively and impartially and initiate those services unmet by government programs." "In large and impersonal cities especially," adds Deane Shahenshah of the New York League, "volunteering is a practical way of bringing people together to work toward a common goal. Volunteers can help sustain small, worthwhile and innovative projects that might otherwise be abandoned due to lack of money to hire paid workers."

While it's quite true that some people volunteer for the wrong or, at least, cloudy reasons, it's also a fact that millions of women and men (30% of volunteers in the New York area are men) have found volunteering a rewarding experience. Assuredly, there is a need for volunteers and an interest on the part of many people to give such service. Everyone seems to agree on one thing: Volunteering is like having a job without pay. The volunteer must put in a fixed number of hours a week—and must be there with the same regularity and dependability as if the task were a paid job. Taking on a volunteer job is, then, a commitment; so the job itself—what you're doing with your time—is important.

There are thousands of volunteer jobs in every city and town across the country, from recording for the blind to protecting endangered species. Some jobs can be done at home. You can join a group or play it alone. If you feel, as NOW does, that service volunteering is a put down, join a public action group and give your time speaking or researching for women's rights, health care or the environment. No matter where you live or whose side you're on, there's room for your talents.

For further information on finding volunteer positions in your community, write Volunteer, Washington, (*Continued*)

YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR JEWELS MAY BE UNDERINSURED

By A. M. WATKINS □ David and Ann Blaire built a new house outside St. Louis 11 years ago for $40,000. They insured the house for $38,000, 95% of cost—a figure the mortgage lender said was adequate. Each year, David paid the insurance premium promptly. Once, he collected $410.93 for storm damage to the roof. And then last year, the Blaires' roof caved in, literally and figuratively. In December, mercifully while the Blaires and their children were away, the house went up in flames. Firemen managed to save some of the house, but it was uninhabitable. The cost for repairs, Blaire discovered to his dismay, would reach $20,000. An even greater shock hit when Blaire learned that the insurance company would reimburse him for no more than $14,000. What had happened? He was insured for up to $38,000.

"Read your policy," the insurance agent told him when David complained bitterly. "Your $38,000 policy covers only 70% of cost today. It would take at least $55,000 to reproduce your home. Our company is not liable for the full loss because you don't have full insurance. We're liable for only $14,000 based on a formula that's clearly stated in your policy. You should have read your policy and you should have increased your coverage." All true. But it's true, as well, that the agent should have warned David of his decreasing coverage over the years. Too many homeowners are unaware of this arithmetical clinker in their policy. The only way to avoid the same trap is to keep your house insured according to its current replacement or rebuilding cost. But determining this critical figure is not always easy, (*Continued*)



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especially since insurance companies are not inclined to give you much help. If you have a house less than two years old, your builder or architect should be able to tell you its current replacement cost. Sometimes a broker can compute the essential figure for you. Or you can try an insurance appraisal firm, such as the General Adjustment Bureau—a company that will appraise the insurance value of your house for about $30 to $150. The exact fee depends on house size and value. Remember that the figure you want is *not* the market value of your house, and it should *not* include the value of your lot. You're after the cost a contractor would charge to rebuild your whole house today, starting from scratch.

Ironically, if David's policy had been at least 80% of replacement cost, he would have collected all the money he needed. In nearly all states, if a house is insured for at least 80% of replacement cost, you are paid in full for any loss up to 80%. But if the face value of the policy drops below that 80% figure, all of a sudden you receive less than the full value of your loss. The exact size of the payment depends on the age of the house, its depreciated value and the amount of insurance.

If 80% is all one needs, why buy a policy covering 95% of replacement cost? To (1) give yourself a cushion and (2) cover the rare possibility that the house would be a total loss in fire. It's a cautionary step. Moreover, the premium increase between an 80% policy and one covering 95% of cost is relatively small.

Well, if 95%, why not 100%? Because the foundation, basement walls and such things as buried utility lines are fairly permanent and almost always could be used over again. You can deduct about 5% for such items.

Less than 80% insurance on a house is recommended only in special cases. An example is a large old house that would cost a fortune to replace, especially one with features like hand-carved 18th-century workmanship, which simply cannot be duplicated today. Insurance for such a house is usually based on providing comparable new living space according to present-day construction practices. Be sure your broker explains exactly how much you would be paid in the event of a loss.

A special inflation-adjustment clause is also offered by many companies. With the clause added, your insurance coverage automatically increases by a fixed percentage each year. The figure is usually between 3% and 5%. Naturally, your premium rises, too. Will you pay for more insurance than you need this way? Possibly. If you opt for the clause, compare your coverage with replacement cost now and then.

What else is new about homeowner's insurance? You may not be covered sufficiently for theft of your valuables. Though there's been no change regarding furnishings and normal contents (up to 50% of the home insurance), coverage on furs, jewelry and the like has dropped to a maximum of $500. In high-crime areas, this is often limited to $250. To gain more realistic coverage, you need a personal property "floater" and you must pay an additional premium. Check with your broker for details.

A second major change in homeowners policies has to do with the optional "deductibles" available. As with automobile insurance, a $50 or $100 deductible means you assume that much of a loss and the insurance company pays the rest. The higher the deductible, the lower your premium cost. Homeowner policies are now available with (*Continued on page 16*)

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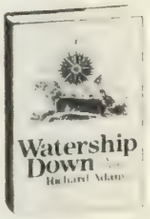
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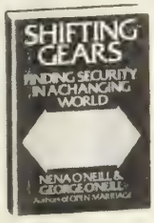


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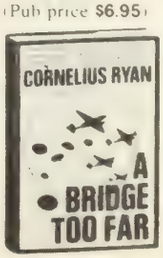
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letters

My family and I very much enjoyed reading about Skitch Henderson and his family and country home in the March issue of HB, and the Antiques column in "Insight." My husband collects old toys—Lionel and American Flyer trains; I collect old German dolls with bisque heads, kid bodies, etc. I think we are *all* kids at heart. Thanks for the wonderful pictures and articles, we all enjoyed them.—Mrs. P.N.C., Coral Gables, Fla.

In "From Pieces and Patches: A Thriving Art" April, every quilt has at least one name and many have several. How much more interesting the article would have been to us quilt lovers if the author had taken the time to include the names. Also, two quilts pictured on page 89—the blue-and-white "Drunkard's Path or Watermelon Vine" (or any of at least eight other names) and the "Hands All Around" are both pieced patterns—not appliquéd. Nevertheless, I still enjoyed the colorful pictures.—B.F., Uniontown, Kan.

The reason we didn't name them is because there are so many names for each of these traditional patterns. About the pieced quilts, indeed, you're right.—Ed.

House Beautiful, as usual, is well done. Also, I've found that the ideas can be used by those of us who have Champagne appetites on beer pocketbooks.—M.B.E., Atlanta

Just opened my new issue of House Beautiful and as the print jumped out at me felt compelled to write. Isn't anyone on your staff aware of the poor color reproductions and the glaring, eye-straining print? That dark, emphasized lettering completely detracts from whatever you are covering in each issue. I look upon a decorating magazine as an art book, but yours is so harsh and artistically unappealing. Hope this will be taken as constructive criticism.—E.McN.

I would like to say that HB is *the* greatest on the market. I have used the magazine for years. And when I say used, I mean used. The articles on fashions, decoration, plants, etc. beat any town library. Thank you for this wonderful source of information.—B.K., East Palestine, Ohio.

I especially enjoyed "Return Visit to a Photographer's Paradise" in April. I am intrigued with lilies and your coloring was just gorgeous. How about one like that on wild flowers or dried arrangements? Tulips would be lovely, too. Thank you for a nice magazine.—Mrs. H.B., Paris, Minn.

The April issue of House Beautiful has finally done it. You have made the magazine so sleazy and unpalatable that I no longer intend to subscribe. From my point of view, you have been going downhill for some time with the content of the magazine . . . less and less of it seems interesting to me.—G.P., Princeton, Mass.

Although I have never written to a magazine before, I would like to commend you on your April issue. I especially liked your article "A Barn With a Family Future." The articles include pictures that show how almost anyone can live in and afford such accommodations. Very instructive.—Mrs. M E.M., Millersburg, Ohio.

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I'm writing to say that my family and I really enjoy your magazine each month. Everything about it makes it really great. Thank you.—Mrs. D.J.G., Lebanon, Ky.

I want to tell you how much I enjoy your magazine. However, an article in the April issue disturbed me somewhat. I cannot imagine anyone wanting to live in the type of home described in "A Look at the Home of the Future." The average hotel room has more personality than that. I think a home should reflect the personality and interests of its owners. If this home does that, it must be the home of a robot.—J.H., Madison, Wis.

address book

Here are some answers to out-of-the-ordinary questions posed recently by readers. Should you need the services of craftsmen listed below, we suggest that for best results, you write or call to describe the problem. And it is always wise to check before making a personal visit to make certain the shop is open. The hours these craftsmen keep will vary. —JEAN BAKER

Collector's Weekly, P.O. Drawer C, Kermit, Texas 79745—*Wicker Furniture: Illustrated Price Guide* by Frances Thompson, 1973; interesting illustrations of furniture include room settings and advertisements from early 1900s, shows many styles, also baskets, ferneries, vases, lamps and miscellany; quotes two price ranges—Midwest, South, East and another for West Coast; $2 postpaid.

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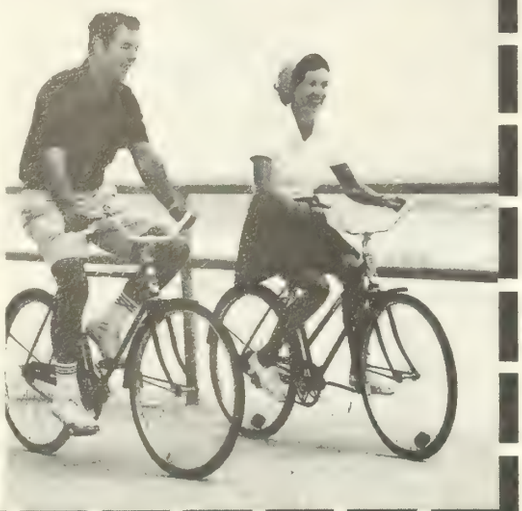
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A babysitter is one engaged on a short-term basis to watch over, without rendering a particular personal service to, a young child or an elderly person. The services actually sold by such a person are a presence on the scene.

Generally, the courts are hesitant to hold a home owner liable for injuries suffered by the sitter. After all, the home is not a place of commerce and, the courts reason, why should we hold the owner to a standard of care analogous to the marketplace? The result is that someone entering a private residence, even as an employee, is entitled to expect only such preparation as a reasonably prudent householder makes for the reception of such a visitor.

But the above rule is not an absolute. Babysitters have, on occasion, been successful in court. The tests applied by judge and jury in examining the facts are threefold: (a) Did the person know of the danger? (b) Did he or she assume the risk of being injured once the risk was realized? (c) Did the sitter act outside his authority while in the home?

Through previous employment in a home, a babysitter might well learn of an existing danger. If the danger is understood, it might well be that the sitter assumes the risk and goes about his or her business, accepting it as part of the chores. This is called "assumption of risk." It is frequently used by courts faced with a sitter liability problem. The homeowner must only furnish a reasonably safe place to work—a duty not nearly so exacting as that demanded of a commercial employer toward his employees.

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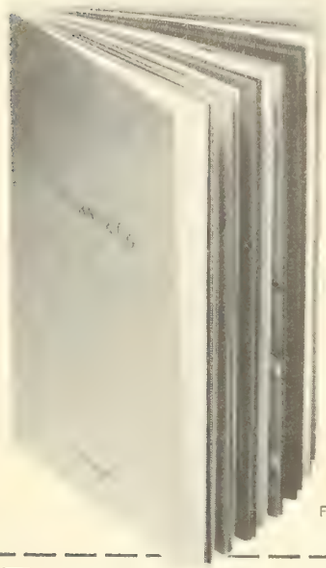
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Finally, a sitter who strays out of the area of employment and enters an area of the home not open to her might also be barred from recovery. For instance, if the sitter goes to the garage or to a remote part of the house and is injured, it "must be assumed that the employer's express or implied invitation to her to use the premises did not extend to a downstairs powder room." She then becomes a trespasser. In effect, she was not implicitly invited to go into that area of the house.

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Love and marriage . . . go together with a house and carriage . . . So claims Investors Mortgage Insurance Co. of Boston, a company that not long ago surveyed 500 couples between ages 20 and 30. "How had buying a home affected their marriage?" the young people were asked. Answering, 146 couples admitted that a new home had definitely helped solidify and improve their marital relations. Another 200 said there was some evidence of improvement. Only eight reported a shakier marriage after moving in.

—JOHN H. INGERSOLL

crafts

Where and how we live have always fascinated artists and craftsmen, and houses continue to recur as favorite themes in painting, sculpture, photography and needlework of all kinds. People have commissioned portraits of their houses and have had engravings and photographs made for stationery. In addition to the selected examples of house art illustrated above and on page 30, two other sources are worthy of mention.



This red and white gingham house appliquéd to a ruffled pillow follows a tradition established in America many years ago. In the past, "house art" was usually found on coverlets. This example, $7, is from Needle-in-the-Haystack, 1402 W. Third, Grand Island, Neb. 68801. Catalogue is available.

Victorian houses of all shapes and sizes are the wire sculptures of California Artist Guy Pullen. Intricate and delicate, the houses do seem to capture a 19th-century mood. Pullen's houses range from around $45 to $1,000. The house at right is $150. Pullen's work is available through the Challis Gallery, Laguna Beach, Calif., or from the artist, 2028 Chandeleur Drive, Miraleste, Calif. 90732.



HARRY HARTMAN

Erica Wilson—needleworker, embroiderer and author—has produced a needlework kit representing her Nantucket house, thatched roof and all. "Nantucket House Handbag" (*Continued*)

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Patchwork collages are Ellen Siegel's specialty. "The Farm" is available in primary colors and pastels, framed, 16½ by 12½ inches, $55, and 23 by 16½ inches, $85, at The Gazebo, 25 E. 55th St., New York.

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■ And speaking of children (male or female), **Dolls the Wide World Over** by Manfred Bachmann (Crown, $19.95) is a fascinating journey. Dr. Bachmann is an expert on toys and folklore and the author of many books in these fields. (*Continued*)

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For years, he was director of the Museum of Folklore at Dresden. He is now director general of the State Art Collection in that city. Within the pages, dolls from primitive cultures to modern cry-and-wet models are shown in color, as are dolls from nearly every nation—an unusual historical account. Photographs, Claus Hansmann.

■ Did you know apple is among the best of firewoods? You would discover so in **Firewood for Your Fireplace** by Warren Donnelly, the most complete account of selecting, cutting, storing and burning firewood we've seen. Data here, too, on building a fire and caring for the fireplace. Clearly written; the price ($3.95) a bit stiff for a 150-page paperback, but it's unlikely you'll find the information elsewhere. In some bookstores, or write directly to the author, since he published his own book. Send the price, plus 45¢ for postage, to Warren L. Donnelly, P.O. Box 19432, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.

■ **RECENT BOOKS BRIEFLY**

A Beginner's Book of Patchwork, Applique & Quilting by Constance Bogen (Dodd, Mead, $4.95). This is Ms. Bogen's new book for children—or for adults who want to learn the basics of the craft. It's beautifully presented, organized and explained, has excellent drawings and instructions for coverlets, clothing and accessories. A top job.

Homes are for People by Satenig S. St. Marie (John Wiley, $10.95) is more than an ordinary decorating and furnishing handbook. Mrs. St. Marie, editor of JCPenney's *Forum* magazine, is wonderfully adept at making the complicated fall easily into place. Her 400-page book is jammed with photographs and sketches of residential interiors. Literally thousands of ideas worth taking and trying for yourself.

The Models' Way to Beauty, Slenderness and Glowing Health by Oleda Baker with Bill Gale, $7.98. Order from Improvement Books Co., Dept. 6333, 13490 N.W. 45th Ave., Opa Locka, Fla. 33059. Secrets from some of the world's most beautiful women on how to attain—and keep—slenderness, beauty and well-being. With menus and exercises.

For the needlers: **How to Sew Leather, Suede, Fur** by Phyllis W. Schwebke and Margaret B. Krohn (Collier Books, $2.95). Tips from start to finish by two ladies who have taught special sewing techniques for many years; over 250 drawings and photographs. **The Complete Book of Knitting and Crochet**, a Golden Hands book from Random House, $10. Easy to follow.

Candle Art by Ray Shaw (Morrow, $8.95) is "A Gallery of Candle Designs and How to Make Them." An excellent how-to book with 16 color plates and more than a hundred photographs.

—HELEN BRIGGS

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■ The French are famous for *papilotte* cooking—baking foods in parchment paper. Professional bakers have used the paper for years. But now it's available for home use, is sold in a roll and you tear off what you need. When used as a pan liner, the paper allows cookies or meringues to slide right off the sheet, and no pan to wash. It's also perfect for rolling out pastry or to make the cornucopia for decorating cakes. Available in supermarkets or by mail from La Cuisinière Inc., 903 Madison Ave., New York City 10021. Minimum mail order: three rolls, $3.50.

■ The easiest way I've found to polish silver is with Hagerty's new Spray Silversmith Polish. You simply spray it on silver and buff with a soft cloth. Or, you can wipe slightly darkened silver with Silversmith Gloves and never soil your hands. Spray polish is $5 and the Gloves $3.50. A free sample of the new Silversmith polish is available on request. For (*Continued*)

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The wall oven

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● ● ● ***"Take four pounds of gold coins" starts a recipe by the Spendthrift Brigade, 12 rich young noblemen of Siena, who in 1285 determined to go broke living as high on the hog as they possibly could . . . coins were thrown into their fancy sauces, then discarded after dinner as if they were bones . . . they went broke in 1287 . . . this intelligence out of Richard Barber's historically researched* Cooking and Recipes from Rome to the Renaissance, *published in London by Allen Lane and reviewed in the March issue of* Harper's and Queen *. . . also noted here —stuffed mushrooms haven't changed since 1660.***

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This clear acrylic frame (*below*) fits neatly around a wall phone and holds memo pad, pen and receiver off the hook. The frame houses telephone on either the right or the left side. By Two's Company, $18.





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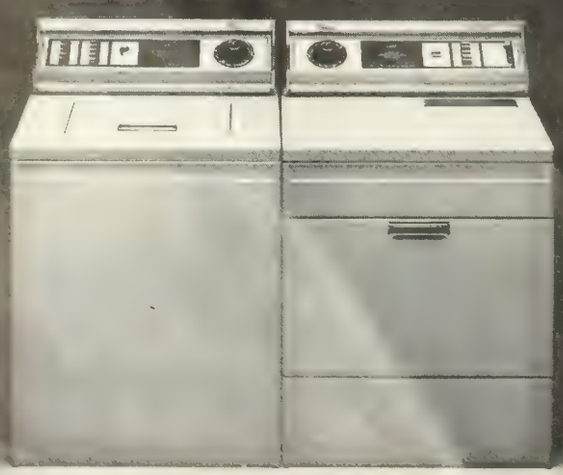
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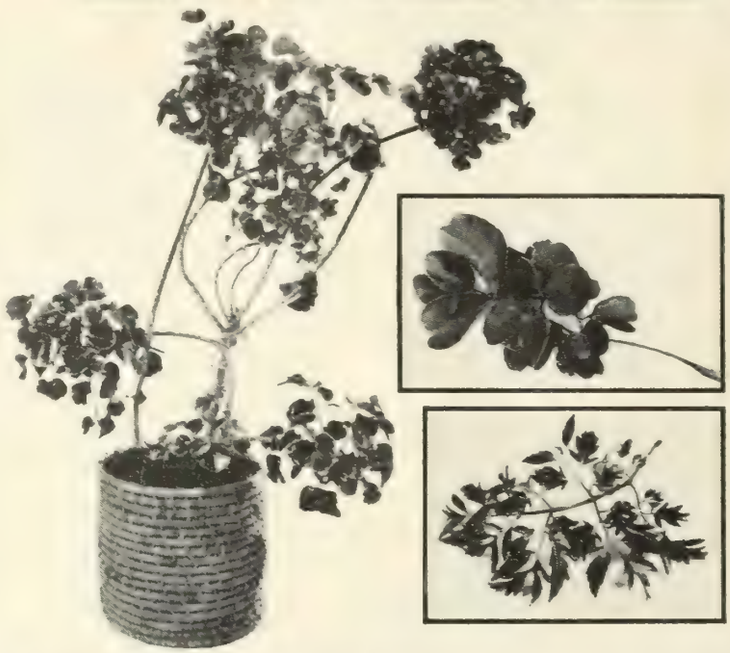
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Don't ever trust a dead ming tree

Years ago, I remember seeing an advertisement for an "authentic ming tree." In the postage-stamp illustration, it looked like a bonsai, so I sent for one. The ad did say, "guaranteed to grow," or was it "foolproof"? Well, if I expected a living tree, then I was the fool. I received a Chinesey bowl with a piece of driftwood stuck in it and glued-on tufts of leaves about as lively as dried seaweed.

But this story does have an upbeat side, for there are living "ming" trees. The name is *polyscias* (poh-liss-EE-us), a member of the Aralia Family (English ivy, schefflera, dizygotheca). "Ming" refers, apparently, to the twisted, gnarled, corky branches set with leaves that tend to grow in tufts. The effect is not unlike the highly trained, stylized trees of 14th-century China. But polyscias grow this way naturally—no wiring, snipping or staking needed.

Can a tree be "sexy?" Yes, according to Muriel Orans, author of the excellent *Houseplants and Indoor Landscaping* (Countryside Books, Barrington, Ill. 60010; $3.95). She says polyscias look "sexy and sensual" in contemporary environments. That statement sent me to look at mine again, and it's true. The branches are curvaceous and graceful; the leaves are beautiful. My older *Polyscias fruticosa* also has great character, a little bizarre maybe, but all of this might add up to a "sensual" house plant.

The main problem in growing polyscias is that they drop branches and leaves with abandon when moved around. Whether you've just brought one home or you shift it from one place in the room to another (for the "sensual" effect), expect some fallout for two or three weeks. Culture goes like this: *Light,* sunny to shady, but bright (not deep shade); *temperature,* warm, especially in the winter, combined with *humidity* (preferably 50% or more) and *fresh air.* Shower with lukewarm water at least once a month. When you repot, mix equal parts commercially prepared houseplant potting soil and moistened German or Canadian peat moss. Keep nicely moist for healthy, leafy polyscias. Feed monthly. Cuttings root easily in spring or summer. Young polyscias, especially *P. fruticosa,* are great fun to train as true bonsai □ By ELVIN McDONALD

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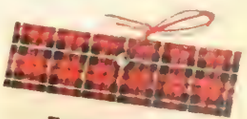




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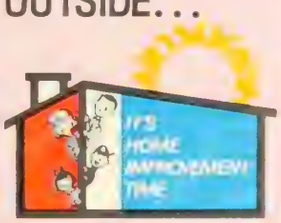
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If ever there was a good time to make every remodeling dollar you spend work wonders for your home, this is the time. A money-saving plan is imperative in the wake of high interest rates and rising building material costs. Yet, there is an encouraging side to this seemingly gray scene. Out of necessity, perhaps, people on both sides of the picture are finding more and more solid, sound ways to stretch remodeling dollars. Contractors are more willing to work out a cost-saving course for you. Many new products are appearing specifically for remodeling. And a large number of homeowners and apartment-dwellers are discovering hidden talents for painting and even carpentry.



Soaring interior spaces opened up when the Clifford Condaks converted an old barn near the Hudson River into a home and studio. The distance from the wood floor of the living area (*below*) to the cupola of the roof (*left*) is 26 feet, the height of a two-story house. The original supporting beams are intact and help define the living spaces within the structure. The lovely arched glass entry (*below left*) was a Condak inspiration, replacing ordinary barn doors, but the lines of this 1911 barn are unchanged.



From barn to home: 'THE STRUGGLE WAS ALL WORTH IT'

By JOHN H. INGERSOLL □ On clear days, Artist Cliff Condak and his wife, Henrietta, a graphic designer, can see the Hudson River from their property high on a knoll. Rusted horseshoes still turn up in the grassy meadow below the house. The space within is generous by any measure, divided now into living quarters for the Condaks and their children, a huge studio and an even larger workshop/garage. It's ideal for country life, yet still within range of New York City, where Henrietta works. They are content and deserve to be, but the peace that prevails now disguises the agony of settling in. "At one point during the two long years it took us to move in," recalls Henrietta, "we were fed up and (*Continued on page 46*)

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BARN TO HOME

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ready to sell to the first person who came along." Manhattan dwellers before their country barn venture, the Condaks approached the search for a rural dwelling with a dash of glowing urban idealism. From their 4½-room duplex in the city, country life seemed peaceful, enticing.

When they finally came upon this barn, their reaction was instantaneous. The surrounding land was beautiful and the location seemed perfect. With the practiced eye of artists, they easily saw amid rusted tools, old farm machinery and strands of hay their bedrooms, baths, kitchen and living areas.

Their original intention was to camp in the lower level (behind the bottom row of windows in the scene above), while they converted the upper floor. That proved impossible. They learned that without a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) from the town officials, they legally couldn't stay in the barn overnight.

Beginning to see the problems ahead, they found that to obtain a C.O., a kitchen and bath had to be installed, approved and functioning, and the remaining spaces would have to be "habitable." Since that represented at least 85% of the work planned, the Condaks put off moving in—"for a month or so." Those few months turned out to run into two years.

Their first snag turned out to be finding a contractor. A number said they were too busy. Some heard their proposal and openly admitted that they weren't interested. The first contractor who agreed to bid on the job turned in an estimate of $70,000, a figure that was somewhat inconsistent with the Condaks' budget of $12,000.

Meanwhile, they were making the rounds of lending institutions, in order to raise money for their modest budget. From the lenders, they received a unanimous "no" because it was "too unusual a project" or because it didn't "conform."

About this time, the Condaks thought seriously of reselling their property and staying in the canyons of Manhattan, perhaps trying to find a loft.

For months, everything seemed to go against them, but in one short period of time, two things happened to restore their enthusiasm. When they arrived one morning to continue cleaning out the interiors, they found a note tacked to the door: "If you need a builder, call me."



They called. He arrived. They talked price, settled on a reasonable figure without a hassle, and the contractor soon went to work. Later, they happened into a previously overlooked savings and loan association that agreed to lend them the money. The remodeling was underway.

To keep costs down, the Condaks finished a large portion of the work themselves. For example, the flooring contractor was convinced the original wide oak floor couldn't be saved. The Condaks dismissed that idea—along with the contractor—and went to work sanding, cutting, renailing and refinishing. And they saved the floor.

Cliff Condak himself installed an exhaust fan in the cupola. Shaking his head, he recalled, "I never realized how high 26 feet is until I climbed to the top of our ladder, which swayed as I worked."

The Condaks designed most of the interior changes, including the glass-surrounded entry. Its outline was sketched on brown paper. Miraculously, the millwork shop cut and assembled the arched insert so perfectly that it fit on the first try.

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By A. M. WATKINS □ "Let's buy a little house in the country and fix it up." That line is hackneyed only because so many restless urbanites have said it. Fixing up "a little house" can be a picnic—or it can be a painful drawn-out headache.

One item city dwellers may fail to think about is waste disposal—not the most engaging subject on earth, but absolutely necessary for country cottages, most of which are sewerless.

Until recently, there were two options: the cesspool (which has such a poor track record that it is outlawed in many country communities) and the septic tank. Given a large enough settling field and soil through which water drains easily, the septic system is still effective. When it operates for a house tied to a water well, the possibility of a contaminated water supply is posed if the system is not located properly. And in some cases, a septic system will not function.

Today, there are some new choices, which may just turn out to be better than the old options. The most promising is the aerobic unit. This works somewhat like the septic system, but with one major difference: The disposal tank is treated with a continual supply of forced air to oxygenate—and thus speed up bacterial decomposition of—the human waste.

Here's how it's explained by Engineer Heinz Russelmann of the National Sanitation Foundation in Ann Arbor, Mich.: The ordinary septic tank, drawing on the limited supply of oxygen obtainable from the environment, decomposes approximately 35% of the bacterial elements from organic waste. An aerobic system will decompose up to 90% or even 95% of the same human waste, and the liquid discharge from the tank is virtually colorless, odor-free and clear of sediment.

In the same way that effluent from a septic tank is handled, the liquid discharge from an aerobic tank must be dispersed through an in-the-ground pipe disposal field. Again, there are differences. An aerobic unit could require one-third less land area for its disposal field.

The aerobic unit has the advantage of providing satisfactory and approved waste disposal for a house where a septic system will not suffice. The installed cost of an aerobic unit for a house with two to four bathrooms will run between $1,250 and $2,500, depending on how much work is required during its installation.

Because the aerobic tank contains a motor and compressor, a certain amount of maintenance and service is required. As a result, it behooves you to buy from a reputable dealer who will provide such service. The motor is small—no more than ½ h.p.—and the electrical operating cost is generally a few dollars a month.

Five companies produce units approved by the National Sanitation Foundation. If you buy, look for NSF seal on the unit. The companies are: Cromaglass Corp., Reach Rd., Williamsport, Pa. 17701; Flygt Corp., 129 Glover Ave., Norwalk, Conn. 06856; Jet Aeration Co., 750 Alpha Dr., Cleveland 44143; Multi-Flo Inc., 500 Webster, Dayton, Ohio 45404; and Nayadic Sciences, Village of Eagle, Uwchland, Pa. 19480.

A new aerobic unit could replace and correct a balky septic tank you now own. But before installing a complete system, you might consider a less expensive thermal insert for the existing tank. One such unit is made by the Septivator Co., 2834 Lexington Avenue Rd., Lexington, Ohio 44904. The insert operates on the principle that raising the inside temperature of a septic tank will increase the bacterial decomposition. The installed cost runs between $125 and $300, and the operating costs are generally about $3 to $4 per month.

Will it cure all sluggish tanks? No, says the maker, it depends on how serious the problem is. A very problematical system might not be alleviated even by installing a complete aerobic system (in which case, the thermal insert may aid the operation of the aerobic unit).

Other waste disposal systems for houses include the combustion toilet, the pump-grinder, chemical toilet and, the most recent innovation, the recirculating toilet. One manufacturer of combustion toilets is LaMere Industries Inc., 726 N. Main St., Walworth, Wis. 53184, and the name of its unit is Destroilet. The unit contains a compact, well-insulated incinerator below each bathroom toilet. All the solid (*Continued on page 57*)



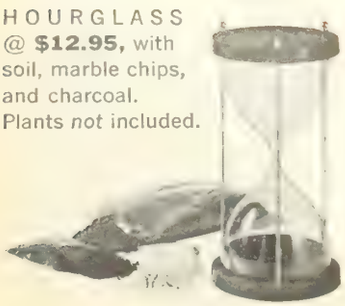
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A pump-grinder disposal unit is designed primarily for a house in a low-lying area. Its action lifts sewage through piping as much as 90 feet uphill. It is indispensable to reach a community sewer line above house level, or, say, a leaching field for a septic or aerobic system, uphill from the house. This disposal unit is normally made up of a grinder and an ejector pump.

For years, airlines and boat manufacturers have installed chemical toilets for use on board. It's not unreasonable to think this would be a solution for the country house. It's not the best one. You might use it in a pinch when no other system will suffice, but it is neither practical nor desirable if needed for any sustained use in a year-round house.

Newest on the scene is the recirculating toilet, and at this writing, it remains the most expensive way to solve the individual house's waste disposal problem. As installed, piping from the toilet runs outside the house to a completely self-contained waste water treatment system. The outside unit is about the size of a large side-by-side refrigerator/freezer. And this exterior mechanism runs waste through primary, secondary and tertiary treatment, returning clear, odorless water to the toilet bowl. One unit can accommodate up to eight adults on a continuous-use basis for up to three years before the system needs to be emptied and supplied with fresh water. To date, only one manufacturer produces the system: Thetford Corp., 2300 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106, and the firm calls its unit "Cycle-Let."

According to the maker, Cycle-Let, compared to a conventional toilet, can conserve up to 10,000 gallons of water per year per person. Its present installed cost could run as high as $3,600, and yearly maintenance is put by Thetford at less than $150. As production increases, these prices may drop.

Before going out to buy any of the units mentioned previously to put your country cottage into working order again, take a weekend or so to investigate the neighborhood. How do similar waste disposal systems work? Is the land on your property similar to, or the same as, soil elsewhere in the community? With answers to these questions, you'll have a better idea of what system will be able to perform best on your property.



REDUCING COSTS

There's the story of the widow who got along so well with her remodeling contractor, she married him. Now they're living in her house, and she's cooking in a brand new kitchen.

Not so with a Denver couple. Nothing seemed to go right during a recent addition of a family room to their house. Every day the job continued, a new dispute arose between the couple and the remodeling contractor. The owners claimed the wall paneling was the wrong shade. The contractor insisted they got what they specified. The couple were bitter over a soiled living room carpet they blamed on the carpenters. The contractor claimed they should remove or cover the rug.

Those are the extremes. Most people simply want to get along well with the contractor, and today more than ever, they want to save money simultaneously. Can they do it and still gain the necessary changes?

After a round of recent interviews with remodeling contractors, House Beautiful concludes the answer is a resounding yes. In the first place, remodelers are anxious to cooperate. Of course, they're in business to make money and no one earns very much without cooperating. But more than that, we discovered they are sensitive to the current difficulties owners have in meeting the higher prices brought on by increased material and labor costs—not to mention the higher costs of money itself. As a result, most are more willing than ever to work out ways to shave the price of a remodeling.

"Some of the best installers of wallpaper are the women in families for whom we do work," says Remodeler Morton Mann of North Kansas City, Mo. "We often put up wallboard, tape and sand it, then leave the finishing for the owners. We still serve as their consultant, in the event they run into a snag. But we've found most owners, and particularly women, do a very careful, very exacting job. For one thing, when they do it, they no longer are impatient. They're more concerned with doing it right." Mann believes owners can save from 10% to 15% of the total remodeling cost by finishing such tasks as painting, wallpapering, laying floor tile and even putting up wall paneling or ceiling tile.

Contractor Bert Mayta of San Francisco concurs, but adds, "I won't let owners work along with my men, because it jeopardizes my insurance coverage." Nearly all contractors with a steady crew agree with Mayta's rule. And in some metropolitan areas, union regulations block any chance of an owner's working with a remodeling crew.

But Mayta mentioned another means of saving. "Owners are just as capable as our men of ripping out old cabinets in a kitchen or removing an old linoleum floor," he said. "Then, when our men begin work, they devote their time to rebuilding, rather than spend time and money tearing out and cleaning up.

Contractor Jerry Starler of Southfield, Mich., suggests that "One good way to cut costs is by eliminating frills. For example, kitchen cabinet prices cover a wide range." He indicated that many low-cost cabinets are both serviceable and attractive. "I also tell customers who want to save money: Limit the number of custom built-ins. Built-ins require extra labor, and labor costs are high."

"There are customers of mine who will want to add a family room and remodel a kitchen and bath at the same time," recalls Morton Mann. "When they hear the estimate, they become disgusted and swear they will junk the idea and buy a new house. Then they get a taste of the new house prices, and before long, they're back to me. I tell them, you seem to need the bath most. Let's start there, and I'll do one job at a time. We'll spread the work out so you can carry the payments."

While not every family is equally anxious to, or needs to, save money during a remodeling, getting along well with the contractor is a universal desire—one that we generally equate with quality workmanship (and in most cases, that turns out to be true). How best to do it? By taking the same care and patience to find the right contractor as you would take to seek out a family lawyer or physician. If you select a remodeler carefully at the start, and are fair with him, the job will go well. ■

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There is no lack of creative thought among building material manufacturers. Yes, companies have raised prices on some items, but then, who hasn't? And, yes, shipments of a few products are slowed by raw material shortages. But the flow of innovative advances for remodeling hasn't ceased at all. Choosing from among the new products listed below, you'll be rewarded by a better-looking and/or longer-lasting problem-solving innovation.

THE INSIDE NEWS

How do you match wall paneling to a decorative scheme for each room? Easily, if you have in hand a new 26-page color brochure by U.S. Plywood. It is titled "All about Wall Paneling." Mail 50 cents to U.S. Plywood, Dept. NS, P.O. Box 61, New York City 10046.

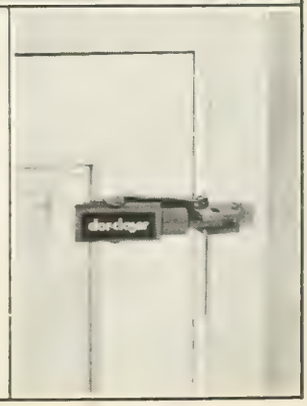
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Long life to your water heater! A toast from AMF Cuno, makers of "Lime-Aid," a water conditioner that should make a water heater function more efficiently and last longer. Attached to the cold-water feed line for the heater, this unit filters out (*Continued*)



Variations on a rectangular theme (above), with 16 colors and five shapes for the new ceramic tile by Interpace offering a broad design range. This "Franciscan Terre Grande" tile has a hand-crafted look and colors are rich and bright. A simple, almost unobtrusive automatic door-closer (right) for interior doors—heavy or light—is now produced by Ajax Hardware.



CERAMIC TILE. EVEN A LITTLE CAN DO A LOT.

Mention ceramic tile and most people picture it used with a kind of lavish, price-is-no-object abandon.

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Or, less romantically, as the walls and floor of the traditional bathroom.

But one of the great decorating virtues of ceramic, as demonstrated by the examples on this page, is that you don't have to spend a fortune to make your home look like you spent one on it. Used even modestly, ceramic tile is not only spectacular in itself, but provides a matchless contrasting medium for other decorating materials.



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Glazed tiles as baseboard and ceiling molding can turn a blank wall into gallery-space for paintings and sculpture.

Tiling the top of a waist-high kitchen cabinet turns dull, wasted space into a work-island that's practical as well as beautiful.

Used as an inlay, a mosaic pattern of textured ceramic at the center of a plank or parquet floor seems to double the size of the room.

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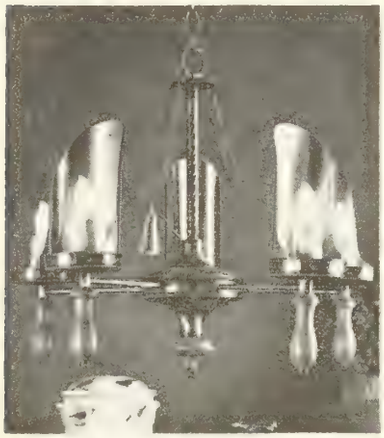
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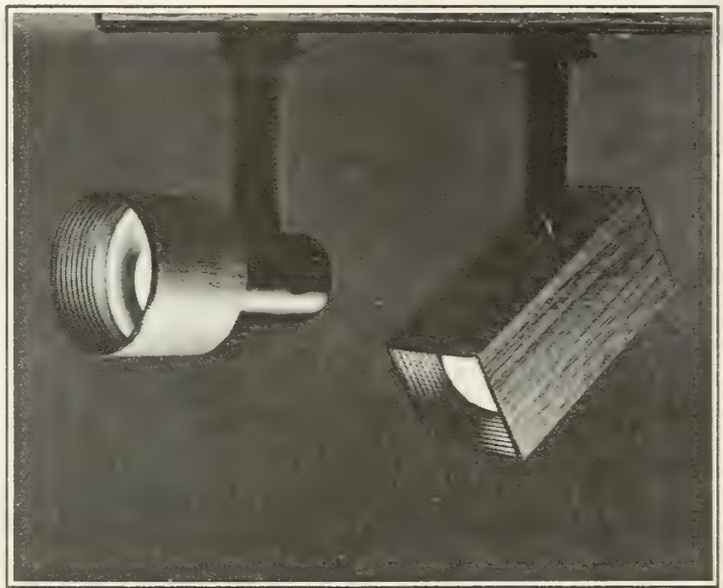
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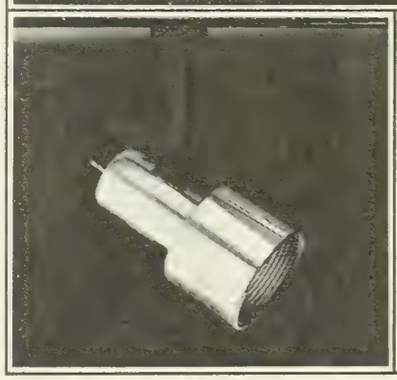
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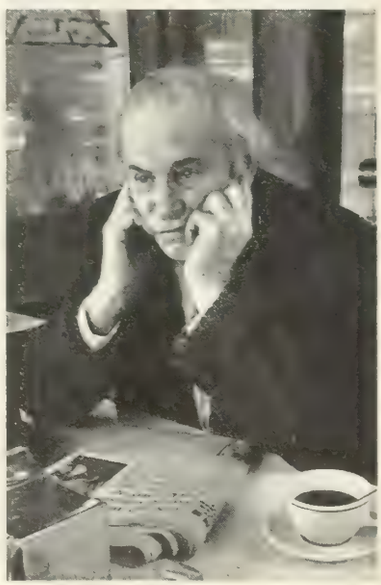
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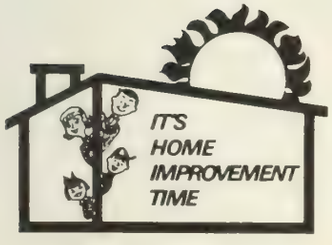
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Editor JACK MACURDY □ **This is Parkman House. Its location: 33 Beacon St., Boston. Its age: 149 years. Its condition: superb.**

Built in 1825, Parkman House (*above*) has a distinguished—and varied—history. Designed by Cornelius Coolidge, it became city property in 1908 as part of Dr. George Francis Parkman's bequest to Boston. It was first modified in mid-19th century. Later, when the Boston Park Department utilized it, other changes were made. It became vacant in the 1960s, and the city decided to outfit it as a guesthouse for official visitors and as a conference center. Here, you see the results. Architect Frank C. Adams, working with Designer Charles M. Harden, A.I.D., from Stahl/Bennett Inc. planned the restoration and decorating. Designer Janice Miller collaborated on over-all decorating, assisted by Connie Anderson, Parkman House Administrator.

Vital fund-raising for the maintenance of this historic home was headed by Mrs. Kathryn White (wife of Boston Mayor Kevin H. White) with Mrs. Muriel Kasdon and Mrs. Nancy Huntington.

Its entrance hall (*above*) establishes the classical mode with its staircase, marble floor (a gift of the Albre Marble Co.) and antique settee (*right center*), gift of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cope.

The charm of the 1880s appears in the reception room (*far right*), a period setting of original and reproduction pieces and authentic architectural details. The fireplace is American Empire; Sheraton-style sofas and *demi-lune* tables are reproductions. Carpet was woven by Philadelphia Carpet Co. A mirror over the fireplace is on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Accessories from Shreve, Crump & Low and paintings from Vose Galleries were loaned for photography. The handsome Empire sofa (*near right*) is the gift of John Codman.





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The drawing room (*right*) is an exquisite vignette of past Boston elegance. It's a masterful synthesis of the finest in 18th- and 19th-century furnishings with select contemporary additions. Realize the room's full impact—the noble proportions and important architectural details—in another view (*left*). Because this is the type of room that allows for versatile decoration, our photographs illustrate it in two slightly different manners. A sofa, soft contemporary club chair and matching ottoman create an intimate conversational area (*left*). The sofa remains (*right*), with two black Sheraton chairs, on loan from the Museum of the American China Trade, Milton, Mass. A pair of custom-made *fauteuils* replaces chair and ottoman. Two contemporary elements make an essential statement here: the handsome Spanish carpet, a gift of Harry H. Arkelyan, which stirs the color mood, and, hanging at the left side of the fireplace, a







painting on loan from Art for Industry. Draped French doors open to a balcony where guests enjoy a view of the Boston Common. Set between the doors, a full-height mirror, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Good Jr. The French crystal chandelier, matching the one in the dining room, is from Shreve, Crump & Low. Further handling of the room's décor with skill and taste is evidenced by the baby grand piano, which relaxes the slightly formal aura of the house. The 18th-century secretary/bookcase (*top left*), exhibits an assortment of Royal Crown Derby porcelain. These pieces, the rose medallion vase on the mantel and looking glass on the wall above are on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Since the drawing room functions as a meeting area, seating arrangements have been keyed either to small groups or to the *tête-a-tête* (*above left*) with French chairs and round table. Boston's China trade heritage influences the mood for afternoon cocktails (*above right*) set on an Oriental console table. The landscape painting was loaned by Vose Galleries. The handsome 18th-century wall sconce (one of a pair) is a gift from Arthur Phillips.


HERE, THE CLASSIC PAST
IS REVIVED
WITH A GREAT FEELING
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WARM CHARM AND COMFORT TO GREET A CITY'S SPECIAL GUESTS



The third-floor guest bedrooms in the Parkman House reflect Victorian influences more than the classical—witness the fine Victorian fireplaces in both bedrooms. The more formal of the two rooms (*below*) looks out to Boston Common. The pattern of the Fortuny fabric, which has a timeless quality, punctuates the room's gentility. The classic print is a precise coordinate for the persimmon carpet and celadon green walls. Accessories offered are a pair of Oriental vases, from Louis Prince, a contemporary painting by Jack Wolf (on loan from Art for Industry) and a traditional one by Willard L. Metcalf (on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts). The simple trunk has its place, too, in these genteel surroundings: one, for books, is positioned at bedside; the other, between the wing chair and love seat, serves as a coffee table. At windowside, a writing table and antique Empire mirror, on loan from the Royall House Society in Medford, which has a beautiful border of *églomisé*—painting done on the reverse side of clear glass and embellished with gold leaf. The back bedroom (*right*) is another majestic composition tuned in spirit to the total comfort of its special guests.



A yellow-and-white patterned wallpaper, by Brunschwig & Fils, envelops the room with calm. At the window (which overlooks the garden court below), a small table for breakfasting or taking afternoon tea. In a different view of the room (*above*), the *chaise longue* stands to the right of the fireplace, the love seat—not in view—to the left, both opposite the twin beds by Kittinger. Carpeting in both bedrooms is identical, the one spicy color amid pale, fawny hues. All furniture pieces except for the storage chest at the window (a type of chest originally known as a linen press) are reproductions. The mix of period accessories was generously loaned by Louis Prince and Shreve, Crump & Low.

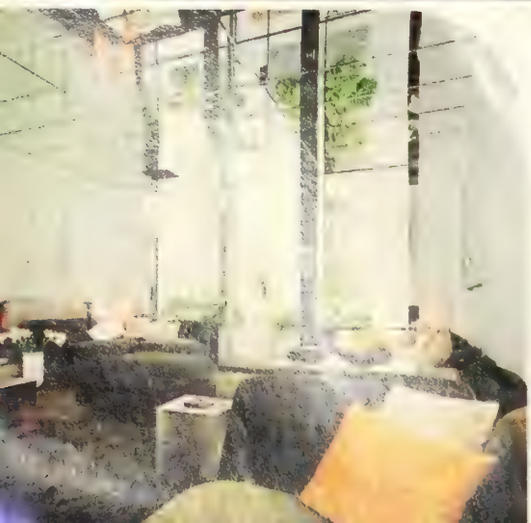
Squirrels perch on ornate foliage in a detail of a brass chandelier from gaslight days (*top left*), located in a small room not shown. The antique Federal mirror (*top right*), which hangs in a study off the drawing room, is from Dan Fortiere Interiors.

What you have seen of the Parkman House is, more than anything, the joint effort of a city and its concerned citizens meeting to refurbish an urban landmark—with painstaking detail—to fill a civic need.

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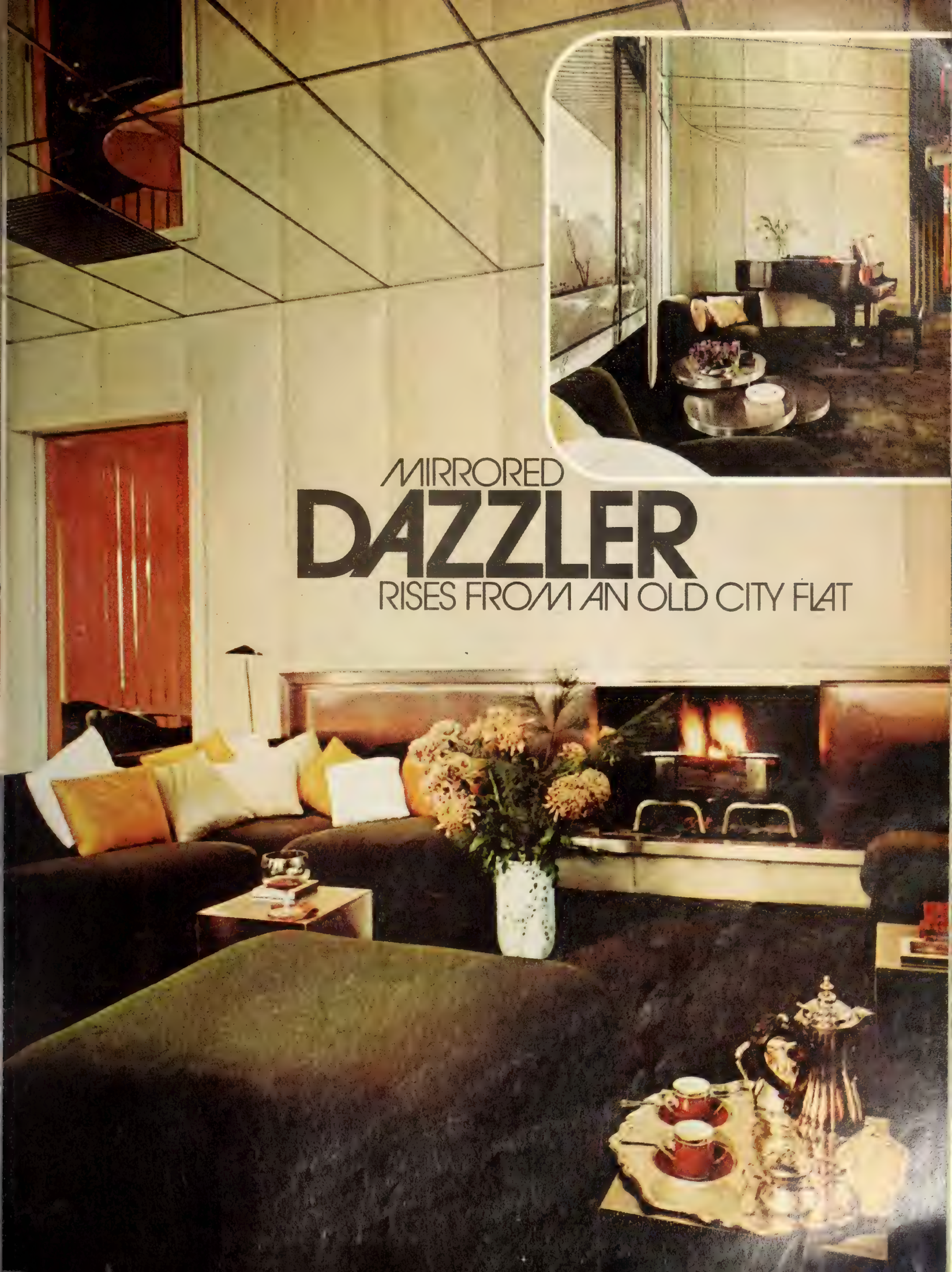






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By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN □ A living room that has the luxurious and intimate feeling of being softly sheltered in a velvet-lined jewel box, just a few steps away from hundreds of feet of profusely planted terraces—these are some of the delights Architect Constantine Vichey has designed for the Manhattan penthouse apartment of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lubomir Vichey. Using his talents as both interior and landscape architect, Vichey has sculpted a continuous flowing space out of what was formerly a series of dark, dingy rooms. Most important—he made the views of the surrounding cityscape and greenery-banked terraces an integral part of the interior. He feels, "Paintings are not necessary in this airy garden room," although the Leger painting (*above*) the Vicheys already owned coincidentally blended so well that it was hung in the living room. Because the living room is much smaller than it appears, Vichey exploded its tiny space by mirroring the ceiling. Mirror trim around curtainless windows helps visually bring the outdoors in, as does the use of a dark evergreen color for the flow of wall-to-wall carpet and for the covering on the small-scale upholstered seating system Vichey designed. In sharp contrast, the walls are then padded and covered with white vinyl, dramatically curving around the piano (*top right*), where Lubomir Vichey, now retired from the Metropolitan Opera, keeps his famous voice in shape. More curves appear around the stainless steel fireplace (*right*), all recalling the Art Deco mood of the 1930s, with steel cubes and fan table designed by Parisian Sculptress Marie Pergay.



MIRRORED DAZZLER RISES FROM AN OLD CITY FLAT

THE VIBRANT INTERIOR





Drama is the key to the Vichey apartment. "The character of the interior depends as much on suggestion, illusion and tactile experience as it does on the clear perception of measurable form," explains Architect Vichey. Some surfaces invite to be touched, while others recede and dematerialize in shimmering reflectiveness—as beautifully illustrated in the dining room pictured here, with silk walls the same saffron color as a Buddhist monk's robe. It is similar, says Vichey, to the inside of an umbrella or a tent with stainless steel spokes lining the walls floor to ceiling to give texture and hold the delicate fabric tightly in place. The dazzling stainless ceiling glistens as much as the steel dining table by Marie Pergay. The table's elliptical shape is reflected in the oval shape of the room as well as the shape of the stucco terrace wall, just outside the square window (*right*), which hides an unattractive view. Looking the other way, a sliding door opens up to the mirrored and carpeted corridor (*left*) and out further to the expansive terraces. To add interest to the already exciting hallway and its shimmering mirrored bar when the dining room door is closed, Vichey commissioned Soho Artist Pierre Clerk to paint bold graphics on the door. The hallway leads to the master bedroom (*not shown*), which has a glittering embroidered metallic bedspread and soft silver wallpaper. This counterpoint between the soft intimacy of the lush interior with the glitter of mirror, glass and steel is an effort on the architect's part to capture some of the essence of contemporary Manhattan.

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ALWAYS, THERE'S AN AWARENESS OF THE WORLD OUTSIDE





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Mrs. Vichey basically prefers country living, so these lushly planted terraces were designed as a way to lure her from her Greenwich, Conn., home to Manhattan, where her husband needs to be for his work. "The terraces were hideous when my parents bought the apartment," says Architect Vichey. "Low, dark brown brick walls with rusty iron rails plus ugly views of fire escapes were the order of the day. I first thought I could improve them with plants only, but I soon learned that in New York City, one can't depend on greenery. I then developed new serpentine walls of corrugated metal and stucco that hide the bad views while they gently frame the good ones." The planting, planned in consultation with Lois Scherr of Rosedale Nurseries, was designed for freshness and color year round. In addition to crab apple and juniper trees and andromeda, spring color is introduced via azaleas, tulips, hyacinths, wisteria and petunias, with fall color coming in from the berries of pyracantha and cotoneaster. The sculptured walls and greenery act as a filter, distilling the overpowering presence of the city into a distant poetic image. Some interior spaces, like the study (*above and left*), are very dark to set off the view beyond. Here the architect's father works in his new career as a theatrical backer (*Moon for the Misbegotten* is his show). But though the space is dramatically dark, he is never aware of how small his new study really is, due to the play of light and view planned by his architect son.









Editor: LESTER GRUNDY □ ***Take a Long Island house that realizes most of its activity in the summer months, then give Designer Rubén de Saavedra carte blanche with JCPenney furnishings and the outcome is a tour de force of the unexpected. De Saavedra creates the total look by selecting almost everything—from fine fabrics to rugs—from Penney's regular line, catalog and custom decorating department. Each room of the house (which is all on one level) gets its share of the master stroke to prove that successful home decoration is possible when using moderately priced furnishings. De Saavedra declined the routine approach in his planning, opting instead for creativity. An example: At the entrance door (above left), he has covered the interior panels with green-and-white vinyl wallpaper. This pattern becomes an introduction to the living room.***

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Opposite the entrance door: the fireplace wall—now an energetic exercise in the use of texture and color (*right*). The fireplace gains a new importance by its now being framed with a white molding and faced with deep green-and-white tiles. The contrast of dark and light continues upward. Hanging on the green-black wallpaper, the startling effect of a mirror framed in white plaster. The sliding doors on both sides of the fireplace—these exit to the deck—are treated with a draping in a predominantly green chintz (*top center*).

For the right side of the room, hot-color accents say it all (*above*). Love seat, ottoman and tablecloth spark the crisp greens and highlight the papered tray ceiling. This arrangement, finalized by the simple white table with awaiting backgammon board, is actually just one of De Saavedra's specialized groupings. ***There's a*** bookcase grouping (not shown), the fireplace wall and, the most central—conversational seating. The sofa relaxes back into the green family, the print fabric quilted for an extravagance of comfort. Button-back swivel tub chairs face a green vinyl-framed, glass-topped coffee table. The furniture placement, always a matter of great decorating importance, is spaced to allow for easy traffic to connecting rooms.


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While the living room is a cheerful admixture of color and texture, the connecting dining room looks to Early Americana for its very distinguished decorative styling. And what look could be more suitable for a Long Island summer home? Designer Rubén de Saavedra begins here with a dynamic wallcovering in yellow, persimmon and white for the wall opposite the sliding doors. This overscaled checkerboard pattern is an exciting backdrop for the corner niche set with a twin set of chests of drawers (*above*). Above them, heavy-duty glass shelves hold an arrangement of choice accessories. If necessary, the tops of the chests can become useful serving areas for buffet dinner parties. ***It might have been*** tempting to hang a simple ironwork chandelier or classical brass fixture above the table, but instead, De Saavedra devised a triple show of lights that please the eye as well (*near right*). Three fluted lampshades in pristine white are suspended from the ceiling on wires encased in a Roman stripe fabric; red bows tie on the finishing touches. The room is actually not a large one and so the designer has given it one important focus—the "Penn Dutch" carpet with tilelike squares set with pretty sprays of flowers. It's the kind of pattern that's not for covering over, and the glass table, which is supported by two circular stainless steel forms, allows for its full impact (*far right*). Accompanying chairs are lacquered in a barn red.





The extensive selection of furnishings at Penney's inspired De Saavedra to move into yet another decorating mood for the guestroom/study (*left*). This space has neither floral freshness nor historical motifs, but adopts a calm, casual elegance. Color selections of brown, bone and white are conducive to cocktails *à deux*, leisure interests and, at night, a quick conversion to bedchamber. White vinyl wallpaper with a linear geometrical pattern works harmoniously with the bold plaid carpet. Now, when can a closet be an effective decorating concept? The answer is here. With its sliding doors removed, a once commodious closet has been deftly changed to a multipurpose space for bar, TV, books and sound equipment. In another view (*above*), the room's total flavor comes through. A convertible sofa is ready for guests' use. At windowside, a campaign desk flanked by high and low étagères.


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evidence of an
imaginative
approach







There are so many ways to dress a bathroom to insure that it's as much of an important decorating statement as any other room in the house. But unlike those spaces that are flexible in terms of rearranging furnishings, most bathrooms—except in the cases of building from an original concept of remodeling—must be given a singular personality by working around permanent fixtures. Success here depends on color strategies and imaginative touches, as with the two baths designed by Rubén de Saavedra with JCPenney fittings. Two of the major patterns found in the study/guest quarters are borrowed to give its adjoining bath a distinctly understated look (*above left*). The brown floral print used for the chair in the study is here edged in red to make a lovely draped frame for the tub area. The identical wallpaper covers all untiled space. For the bath that connects to the master bedroom, the theme is delicate pink with vivid color-spotting (*above center*). ***The kitchen*** (*below*) recaptures the American *élan* of the dining room. It's the overscaled-checkerboard wallcovering and the emphasis it offers the warm, chocolate brown cabinets that give this room its allure.





Again, De Saavedra creates another color zone. This one, frankly feminine, is in the master bedroom (*above and right*). Walls are a suggestion of pink, and the bureau, originally unpainted, has been endowed with a new facade. The master of personality here is paint, with different shades of pink applied to each drawer. Bow knot drawer pulls are perfectly coordinated. Giving the bedroom an unexpected scale, the ersatz four-poster hung with a hushed floral chintz and lined in a brilliant cyclamen pink. The four-poster is actually a tester attached to the ceiling with a wooden framework. When the quilted coverlet is pulled back, pretty gingham sheets in harmonizing hues are revealed (*inset above*).

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THE DRAMA IS ALL AT THE BACK



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Editor NANCY CRAIG ☐ From its Prospect Street entrance on a winding avenue in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C., this unprepossessing townhouse (*left*) is hardly distinguishable from its neighbors. There's nothing there to hint of the brilliant expanse of glass and 40-foot-high view that await at the back. When Beau Bogan, a realtor, bought the house, it was a mere shell of a traditional structure that had been ruined by fire. To enlarge his living space, Bogan and Architect John Ruffner devised an addition that increases the original 45-foot-depth of the house by another 16 feet. Its rear wall (*below*) is an enormous stretch of glass panes set into steel-and-redwood framing, its surface sculpted out with balconies on several levels. A new walk-out balcony on the entry floor extends the living room; a redwood deck meets sliding glass doors on the lower level. A swirling spiral staircase climbs all 40 feet of its height, with a flying bridge (*right*) leading from the spiral to the balcony bedroom on the upper level in the 20-foot-high ceiling space of the new garden room.







triumph over a difficult site

By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN □ ***The rocky, heavily wooded site of this weekend house was once considered unbuildable. But New York Architects Robert Mayers and John Schiff let the two-acre lot, split by a steep saddle of land, become a vehicle for creating a spatially exciting house for a young couple and their two young children.***

By blasting into the rock, they were able to set the house atop the saddle, then let its shape determine the rectangular shape of the house. To further enrich the already visually lively house, they modified its form with a two-story parallelogram along one of the long sides. The walls of this section, supported by columns, are nearly all glass—their sparkling transparency opening onto views of the forest.

Just under these glazed areas, the architects designed a remarkable piece of furniture that houses hi-fi, storage, a seating banquette in the living area (right) and extends into the kitchen (left). There, stools are pulled up to its counters for breakfast. The dimmer-controlled theater border lights above it were sent to an auto body shop and sprayed yellow to give brilliant color contrast to the modular seating system in the fireplace alcove.



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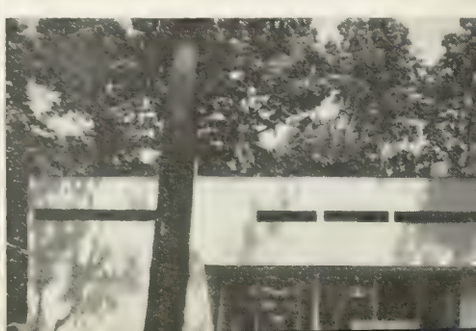
Visual stimulation is offered from almost every corner of this pristine yet elegant house. From the open bedroom corridor (right), one can look down to the living-dining areas or to the study in the background, which is directly above the entry and vestibule. The study affords sweeping views of the lower floor and the surrounding Westchester County woodlands. The latter view is not absent when working at the desk, as a side wall is mirrored to reflect it. Outfitted with a brown-and-white striped sofa bed, the study can double as a guestroom. Privacy can be achieved by a large, brightly colored panel that slides

careful detailing creates views that delight the eye



behind the Plexiglas "wall" in the foreground. Partially concealed by the curving fireplace (previous page), a circular stairway off the entry leads to the second floor. A chocolate-colored carpet covers the corridor, the children's bedroom (top left) and the master bedroom (above). Yellow and white are the accent colors used in the children's room, picked up in the yellow-and-white bunk beds and the yellow lacquered chest, from Finland. The painted strip above the slit windows hides thin-slat Venetian blinds when raised. A similar strip is utilized in the master bedroom. These thin windows can be seen clearly on the exterior (below). The successful merging of the parallelogram and the rectangle is beautifully expressed in a view of the white-stained redwood exterior of the house (left).

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ACCESSORIES TO PERSONALIZE A ROOM







Editor MARJORIE FOX HILTON □ With an Oriental theme threading through, all mix in harmony, though each piece can stand alone, its own jewel. **A careful put-together** (*left*): Japanese fish painted on glass with Kappa shell scales, $1,250, and polychrome Imari boat dish, $650, both at Joseph Rondina; Satsuma Buddah, $300 at Frank Milton; Chinese porcelain fish with bronze doré reed base, $3,200, and antique Bayeux lamp, $680, both from Chrystian Aubusson; Chinese red cloisonné box, $475 at John-Lewis; stylized pineapple-motif fabric, "Ananas" at Andre Matenciot. **A new twist** for a three-tiered English plant stand (*above*), showcase for Chinese porcelains: stand, $675 at Richard V. Hare; Ho Ho Boys, $1,200 each, and head of a Buddah, $900 with stand (not shown), from Nuri Farhadi Inc.; "Mandarin" fabric, designed from an old Chinese plate, at Andre Matenciot. **A play of textures** (*above right*): a 20-inch-long Japanese Kasuga desk, $425 at Joseph Lombardo; movable silver fish with ruby eyes, $2,250, and Singapore $100-design needlepoint pillow, $450, at Christopher Chodoff; stoneware vase, $350, from Nuri Farhadi; "Maxim" fabric from Andre Matenciot. **A study in serenity** (*below right*) on a red lacquer Louis XV tray-top table, $4,600 at Chrystian Aubusson: a porcelain Kutani Buddah, $300 at Limited Additions, sitting on an onyx-and-enamel *tazza* (compote dish), $450 at Nuri Farhadi; cow-horn mirror $750 at Christopher Chodoff; a Portuguese needlepoint rug, $600, by Stark Carpet. **A touch of elegance** (*below*): mahogany tray-table, $225 at Frank Milton; 19th-century Chinese porcelain Foo dog, $1,060 at Chrystian Aubusson; French porcelain portrait plate, $65 at Limited Additions; porcelain Kang Hsi fish, $1,500, Frank Milton; rug, $4,625, Stark Carpet. Flowers, Robert Webb.

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ADVICE FROM THE FAR SIDE OF THE SHOWROOM



gus tron

By MARION GOUGH □ "My eventual customers," says GUS TRON, vice-president in charge of styling, Drexel Heritage Furnishings, "are buyers of high- to medium-quality furniture at high-to-medium prices, many replacing their first-married furniture. The big buyers today are, of course, the budgeted young-marrieds. But whatever the budget, look for quality, good design in any style, pure, clean line. Just as you examine the seams and the buttonholes in clothing, look at joinery—how parts of a chest or chair are put together. Joining should always be smooth. Drawers should open and doors should swing easily; flush curved edges should tie into each other neatly. Run your hand under the rails, chair arms, seats and table tops.

Are they smoothly sanded so as not to snag clothes or stockings? Poor quality can't stand such inspection. Buying upholstered furniture, you have to rely on the name of the store and of the manufacturer, but you can judge its exterior tailoring by the fit of weltings and the careful matching of patterns. Since I'm personally partial to antiques, I look for a 'been around' look in wood pieces—a warm patina. Some people think it's criminal for newly made furniture to be given a distressed or slightly scratched surface, but everyone can't afford real antiques and the 'old' look is what lots of people want. We try to satisfy that need with 'made' nostalgia, even leaving in slight wood defects that we used to cut out—they add to the beauty of wood. It's related to the trend for more informal living—to be able to put your feet up on a coffee table without worrying about it—and is probably why more substantial, heftier scaling, the country look, the raw, unfinished look, are important today in woods like knotty pine, ash, pecky cypress. Furniture in the immediate future will still reflect traditional American design. For the farther future, new trends are budding and we mustn't put down young designers, who have so many good ideas that we often have to hold them back because our volume market isn't ready. Every year we do something that was way-out a few years back. I've no doubt there's excitement ahead."



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KARL SPRINGER, president, Karl Springer Ltd., whose custom-made furniture ranges from raffia to lapis lazuli, advises: "Look for quality. I admit it's hard to find, even in Europe, where furniture used to be so well-made and excitingly designed. From what I see, there's not very much original design going on. To say the very least, I don't regard furniture in the conventional sense. I see furniture only as being part of a room, along with accessories, screens, lamps, fabrics. I see my things in many different surroundings and they work —because they're basically simple. I like natural forms—woods, materials for their natural textures and patterns, such as parchment, shells, minerals. I cover furniture in batik—an example of quality that can't be cheaply copied because it takes a skilled craftsman and 12 to 15 coats of lacquer to get the right patina and durable surface. I don't like reproductions. You either buy real antiques or good modern—that's quality again—and the simpler, the better. Whatever trendy direction furniture takes, I think it will always return to classic, basic, simple design. Anything that's gimmicky, forget it. Nothing is really new—everything at one point has been done. Everyone can't afford the custom-made—one reason why commercially made furniture should be simple, classic in design. Why should it be 'Frenched-up', gupped up? It should be simple, simple, simple. Masses of people—and that's who the volume furniture-makers have to cater to—seem to want something elaborate because they think it looks more expensive, which of course it doesn't. I wish someone could make a line of mass-produced, *simple* furniture and say to people 'This is really what you should be living with.' If it is well put-together, with a good finish—quality, again—it is usable in so many different ways and won't go 'out of style.' Educating taste on a broad scale is a slow process, but young people who come into my showroom encourage me. They are drawn toward the best, even if they can't always afford to buy it, or they will decide to invest in one good thing as a nucleus to build around when they can afford more pieces of quality furniture." An appreciation of the good is growing.

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"It's always wise to buy the best you can afford, even if you must get a piece at a time," thinks KENNETH E. ALPERS, home furnishings fashion director, Associated Merchandising Corp., who predicts trends in furniture styles for 31 stores. "Since furniture is the most expensive household item, select classic styles—not in the sense of ancient Greece, but time-tested traditional or basic modern. As for quality, the average person hasn't enough knowledge to judge for himself. Unless you really know something about the way furniture is made, you must depend on the good name and reputation of the store and the manufacturer. In case goods, see how well the drawers and doors open. With upholstery, all you can judge by is what you see on the outside. However, the government is now requiring furniture to be labeled for its woods and the fiber content of fabric covering. If customers would read these labels, then they would not be easily led astray.

Our stores report that furniture is no longer bought solely by women. Couples seem to be shopping together these days, so masculine tastes are affecting the choice, which I'm sure accounts in large part for the popularity of the deep browns and earth tones, woolly textures, plaids and the menswear upholstery patterns that appeal to so many men. With the wood scarcity, there are pros and cons about using substitutes, like plastics. I don't think that plastic is bad when it is used properly and not as a substitute for something else.

When plastic is used as plastic, the look is likely to be contemporary. When it's used as a substitute, the styling will be more traditional.

There's a definite current interest —and will be for the next few years —in traditional American styling, sparked by the Bicentennial. It's on the market now—but it's not Early American, not maple, not bracket-foot chests. Instead, it's collections of eclectic American designs in pieces that don't necessarily match each other, and in a wide variety of woods —pickled pine, dark mahogany, ash —and it's both formal and informal.

I think this is the way American furniture styling should go—putting the best of our design into furniture for the moderate-price market. Manufacturers have gone to museums and historic houses not to copy but to get a feel of American design.

There is also a lot of interest in contemporary furniture. Stores have got to put emphasis on 1976 as well as 1776, because furniture has to relate to its own time. I feel that modern design has never been properly exposed to the public, but it is inevitably going to come into its own. Every historical period has given birth to some kind of style—French Court, Napoleonic, Victorian —so why shouldn't there be a style developed for the late 20th century?"



john mascheroni

JOHN MASCHERONI, president of Mascheroni Furniture Inc., is a trained, traditional cabinetmaker, who is better known for his contemporary designs. "Look for simple and direct line where the quality cannot be faked," he urges. "Florid designs can cover a multitude of defects. I learned this as an apprentice, son of an Italian wood-working father, and while today I design in other materials besides wood, I find that basic truth still valid. I've also had the opportunity to design for commercial furniture manufacturers, so I feel tuned into the volume market as well as the custom trade. I'd say that consumer taste is more sophisticated than in the past but it is still reluctant to take giant steps toward new design. Generally, the sophisticated or avant garde is accepted in small, diluted steps, yet I see that two portions of the public are increasingly contemporary-oriented—the young and, surprisingly, the second-home generation. They're ready for it, but most manufacturers don't seem to be paying attention. There's a vacuum between what's being made and what the 25-to-35 age group, the young-marrieds, want. They have a terrible time finding things that fit both their budget and taste. They don't want 'sets' or 'early mother-in-law' stuff simply because their families lived with it, and they won't be boxed in by things that reflect social status or income. They're after good-looking comfort and usefulness. And it's interesting that the middle-aged who are planning second homes are coming to the same unaffected, casual approach to living. I think the magazines are reporting what's happening and if more manufacturers and salesmen recognized this, a much larger segment of the public would get what they look for. Eventually, I don't think we will have a lot in the way of furniture—we'll live in conceptual 'environments' instead of with furniture as objects. It won't be how you 'decorate' a room with furniture but how furniture melds together to create a flexible, usable surrounding. Manufacturers will get away from the worn-out tradition of making 'sets'."

LOWER RIGHT, BILL HELMS; ALL OTHERS, FELICIANO



alice alexander

ALICE ALEXANDER, vice-president of consumer affairs and corporate communications, Kroehler Manufacturing Co., a major maker of upholstered furniture, sees furniture as "an extension of your lifestyle, so if you want the best value for your money, look for furniture that honestly fits the way you live. I'm concerned that many people seem to practice self-deception when they choose furniture. An unrealistic, day-dreamy approach may lead you to a white damask sofa that is pretty or 'in' or might impress the neighbors. But it won't impress even you very long if the reality of your living is a family of bouncy youngsters, pets and eating in the living room. If you buy it, you're expecting performance beyond what is feasible for the kind of life that you really lead.
Even under normal conditions, colors will fade and cushions will soften. My company stands behind its furniture construction for five years—the frames, cushions, filling materials—and gives a one-year warranty on upholstery fabrics and mattresses. And the industry has a cleanability code that indicates the kind of cleaning methods best suited to particular upholstery fabrics. This information is provided on tags. Right now we're working on a durability code, rather like the movie rating code, so that furniture may eventually be marked 'recommended for adult use' or 'for use in families with active children.' Already mattresses must meet the requirements of the government's Flammable Fabrics Act, and we may soon see stringent requirements applied to upholstered furniture—which will inevitably raise the cost and, in my opinion, would penalize many for the careless smoking habits of a few.
I am in favor of consumer protection, but I also know that reputable manufacturers do have a strong sense of responsibility toward their customers. Consumers don't need aesthetic guidance as much as they need education."

n.s. ancell

N. S. ANCELL, chairman of the board, Ethan Allen Inc. believes you must "buy from established, reputable stores dealing in quality brands and emphasizing a home planning and decorating service. Your main objective is to create a constantly enjoyable environment for you and your family. That constant, inherent value is far greater than any temporary saving you may make if you buy furniture only because it seems cheap. It may be a fad style or it may wear out too soon—in either case, you won't enjoy it for long. I'd say that 30% of current furniture is good design, 35% fair, 35% mediocre to poor. The same applies to quality, which is usually in direct ratio to price. Learn what to look for in judging furniture by studying booklets of qualified manufacturers and the Better Business Bureau. The usefulness of furniture is constantly improving but the guidance of expert salespeople in a good store can help you to select the appropriate pieces that suit your specific needs. Some good things are happening, like the growing demand for higher quality and better design. With improving taste levels and increased incomes, more people are asking for professional home planning and good interior design. More stores are presenting furniture in settings so that customers can see how it's going to look. As a whole, however, I think the industry puts too much emphasis on marketing furniture as a commodity product instead of stressing the important part it plays in over-all home planning, which is the consumer's prime objective. It seems to me that the major dialogue in our industry is between the manufacturer and the dealer, rather than both the manufacturer and the dealer developing a better orientation to consumer needs. An example of this is the pressure by the industry to convince consumers that they should falsely obsolete major furniture investments because of minor design changes from year to year. But as educated consumers make themselves felt and industry realizes that its primary service is to beautify the homes of America, I think there will surely be a tremendous increase in furniture-buying in the next 10 years. The reason—because of social and economic problems, the home is becoming more and more the center of family life for the education and conditioning of the young generation."





Noting that this is "the day of the individual," KEN VOLZ, director of design, Henredon Furniture Industries, believes, "Manufacturers are thinking more eclectically than ever to help consumers express that individuality. You have a wide choice, many options, but the more options you have, the more carefully you must edit them before making the final, long-term purchase. Many designers, especially decorator-designers, feel that there is too high a percentage of bad things available. But there is much good in design, quality and usefulness. The poor is easier to find, especially in large volume stores and warehouse operations, where it overshadows the good, which is likely to be the more expensive. I'd say to look around in places of known reputable quality. Choose your dealer carefully. If you eventually buy in a volume store, do it after you have observed what's going on in all the best stores. It's a way of educating yourself in quality.
In this time of high prices and inflation, it is encouraging to know that more and more people are buying better quality furniture, appreciating it more. When times get tough, we're all more careful about what we put our money into. And most people do seem shocked by the price of furniture, even when they accept the rising costs of frequently purchased things like clothing and beefsteak. The cost of furniture has risen just as gradually and consistently. The shock comes because furniture is not a frequent purchase and customers tend to relate current prices with what they paid for similar furniture 10 or 20 years ago. We don't design for price bracket, though—millionaires can have awful taste—but for the taste level of people we consider the wise shoppers, people who don't buy by price tag but for long-term value. If there are ills in the industry, the best cure for them is going to be a new consumer know-how."

ken volz

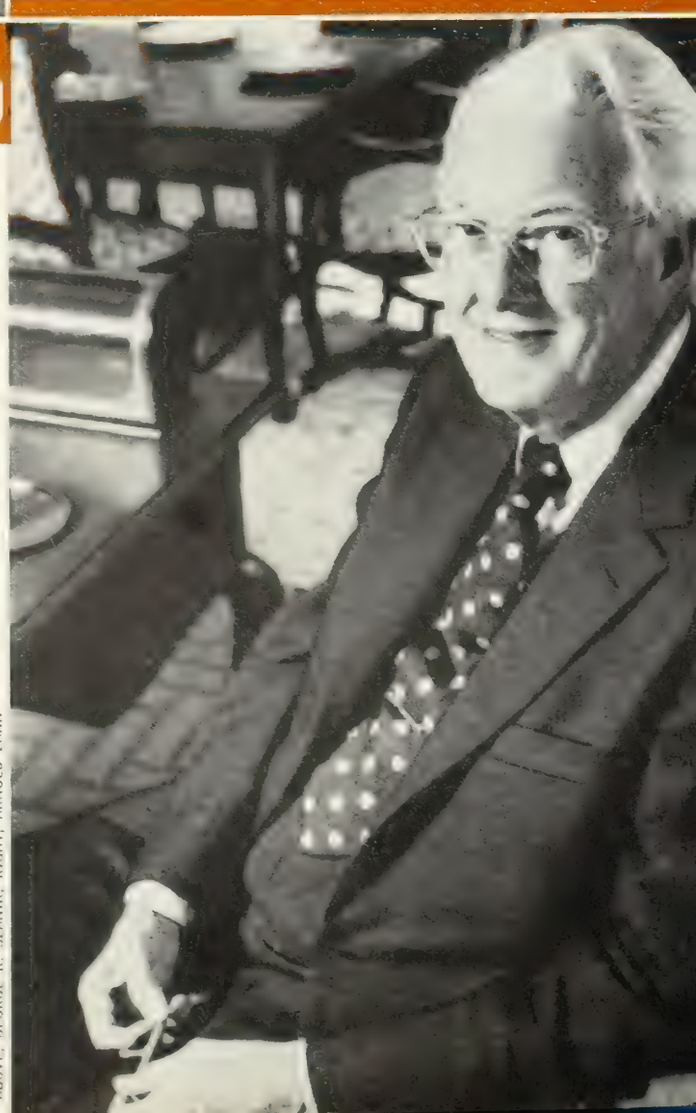
hall bradley



HALL BRADLEY, design director for Brown Jordan, makers of leisure furniture, sees the story of leisure furniture as "the story of changing living patterns. It started as patio, porch or outdoor furniture, progressed to the game room, then the family room and now is comfortably at home in every room, as our indoor living has become increasingly casual in every way. It is now all-purpose furniture, made of metal or plastic or rattan or wicker or wood, often in combination. For outdoors, aluminum has proven to be most satisfactory. It's light-weight, strong and can't rust. Iron and most plastics are not as weather-resistant, presenting problems if exposed to the sun and rain. Rattan and wood present even greater problems outdoors, but all these materials can be used in casual areas of the house. The search is continually on for new materials that will stand up against the elements and hard use, and there's been constant improvement in dirt-resistant and long-wearing fabrics and even in weather-resistant fabrics. Styling runs the gamut from traditional to way-out, in a wide spectrum of color. The casual has become the sophisticated as demand has increased for its easy upkeep and its decorative potential indoors. We find it now in demand as normal, everyday furniture by the young marrieds, by people with second homes and by people planning retirement homes—all three groups typical of consumers looking for well-designed, easy-care, affordable and available-at-once furniture. Buying it, apply the same wisdom you would to any other furniture—look for both quality and appropriateness to the use that you intend to give it, in the place you're going to put it, whether indoors or out."

frank van steenberg

FRANK VAN STEENBERG, chairman of the board of Baker Furniture, acknowledged as the country's most prestigious makers of fine furniture, believes, "The Bicentennial will give us a better understanding of our heritage—and why reproductions made for our forefathers are classics today. We will find that they were influenced by imports, by travel, by trade, by exposure to the world, inspiring them to achieve an excellence in reproducing the best of the past. This searching desire to reproduce the best of the past goes back to the Romans. Roman replicas and Greek originals are in many museums. History proves that excellence lives the longest. The ability to evaluate excellence creates its own reward—the pleasure of possessions, the confidence of enduring satisfaction, the secure knowledge that time enhances its beauty and worth. How do we achieve this connoisseurship so as to evaluate excellence and be rewarded with the joy and happiness it provides? I don't believe that you are born with good taste—it is acquired through education, and to be able to discriminate is one of the arts of appreciation. It is this discrimination that enables one to evaluate the present. Perhaps the Roman replicas of Greek originals and the Charleston Hepplewhite sideboard should be a guide to the inherent value of the sensitively designed present-day reproduction. Most of us today need professional guidance. Through mistakes, we have learned that price isn't the answer and, unfortunately, many of us settle for less than we can afford, thereby making a poor investment. A professional designer, for example, knows that specifications -the words seen on a furniture label—are not necessarily a guarantee of quality. Specifications may lead the consumer to assume that all furniture bearing the same words on the label is of standard, equal quality. But this is not true. It is the integrity of the maker that is the guarantee of quality. One interesting lifestyle today is retirement. Once, a couple would, upon retirement, divide up the abundant furniture between the children and relatives and take a few familiar old pieces with them into smaller quarters. Today, many are starting a completely new home, drawing on the connoisseurship they've acquired during their past lives to create an entirely new lifestyle, with the fun of choosing new furnishings to satisfy their matured tastes. With a knowledge of the history of the past, such possessions can be an investment in excellence, which affords continuous enjoyment, instead of a mere purchase."



ABOVE, GEORGE R. SZANIK; RIGHT, ARNOLD ZANN



IN 1493, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DISCOVERED THE FABULOUS PINEAPPLES

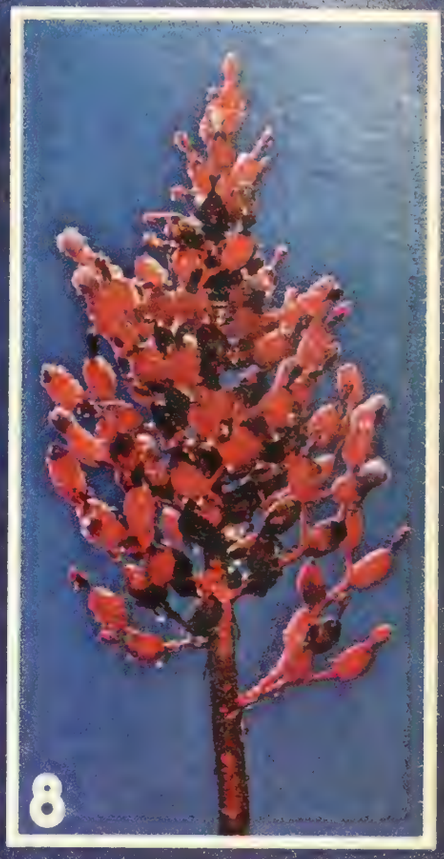
By ELVIN McDONALD □ Give or take a few years, it only took about four centuries for us to realize what a fantastic discovery Christopher Columbus made on his second voyage to the New World in 1493. For it was then, on the island of Guadeloupe in the West Indies, that he found the natives cultivating a delicious fruit called pineapple. That was civilized man's first knowledge of what we know now as the pineapple or bromeliad family, which is comprised of some 400 different genera (or related biological classifications) and over 2,000 species, not to mention a present-day proliferation of hybrids sufficient to boggle the imagination. The vriesea flower (1) and Silver King aechmea (2) are perfect examples. But while Columbus took pineapple fruit back to Queen Isabella, it was Florida's Explorer Mulford B. Foster who really made it happen for the bromeliad (broh-MEE-lee-add), beginning in 1935 when he made the first of his expeditions to Central and South America, the West Indies and Mexico. In 1950 he helped found the Bromeliad Society, and now bromeliads are the hottest thing going since the African violet swept Atlanta in 1941. At the Alberts & Merkel nursery in Boynton Beach, Fla., where the plants shown here were cultivated, you can walk off with the newest aechmea for a tidy sum. However, you can also acquire a whole collection for considerably less. If you live where winter never brings freezing temperatures, bromeliads are probably already a part of your outdoor garden. In fact, the most widespread bromeliad in the United States (Continued)

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picturesque and sometimes cursed Spanish moss, Tillandsia usneoides. To most of us, bromeliads have the greatest potential as house plants. One reason they're so well suited is that they are succulents, but instead of storing up moisture within, bromeliads catch moisture in the vase formed at the center of the leaf rosette. If this is kept filled with fresh water, the roots can survive an amazingly long time without being watered. They are also virtually pest-free and grow superbly in bright light, in a few hours of direct sun or in a fluorescent-lighted garden. If you have a mature bromeliad that shows no signs of flowering, try this: Enclose it in a plastic bag with a ripe apple for four or five days. Then remove the apple and the bag. Flowering should occur shortly after. Aechmeas bloom at various seasons, with long-lasting flowers. Silver King (2), Aechmea zebrina (7) and A. glomerata (8) give an idea of the exciting vari-

VIRTUES: EASY CARE, FREEDOM FROM PESTS



ation among these "living vase" plants. Grow aechmeas in osmunda fiber, shredded bark or coarse leaf mold; water the roots sparingly, but keep the vases filled with water. Ananas comosus is the pineapple of Columbus—and of commerce. The highly ornamental A. bracteatus variegatus shown here (5 and 6) needs some direct sun to color up. It will grow in a mix of equal parts garden loam, sand, peat moss and leaf mold. Neoregelia hybrids with leaves tipped bright rosy red or pink (3 and 4) are called "painted fingernail." The smaller neoregelia (3) represents today's crop of miniatures, which are especially suited to fluorescent-lighted gardens. Grow neoregelias in osmunda fiber or firbark mixed with chipped charcoal. Keep this barely moist and replace water in rosette at least once a week. Vrieseas are compact, colorful bromeliads that have spectacular flower spikes. The hybrid (1) is typical. When mature, Vriesea splendens (9) sends up a similar spike. Others you might want: Billbergia, Cryptanthus, Guzmania, Nidularium, Quesnelia. All are sold locally and by mail-order specialists.



the romantic mystique of the 4 POSTER BED

By MARION GOUGH □ **Does anyone doubt that Sleeping Beauty slumbered the ages away in a four-poster bed canopied in gossamer gauze as ephemeral as the dreams she dreamt? Whatever else would a princess sleep in—or a king or a queen or a courtesan or any heroine who ever lived happily ever after? You certainly don't believe that the Prince took Cinderella home to a Murphy bed, do you? No, no—it had to be a four-poster, massively columned and gilded, dazzling as her crystal slipper and totally draped in cloth of gold.**

THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH THE FOUR-POSTER BED. It invites flights of fancy. It's a bed to be dreamed about as much as to dream in. Else how explain its persistent charm, the universal allure that has kept it right up there at the top of the if-I-had-my-druthers list of furniture for a full four centuries past its original reason for being? And that, in the draughty Gothic days of yore, was to provide a framework for the heavy curtains that protected the occupants from nightly chills, meantime giving mamma and papa some measure of privacy within the family's common bedroom.

IT SHOULD NOT DESTROY THE ILLUSION TO LEARN, if you don't already know, that the farther-back genesis of the four-poster was a ticking stuffed with straw or leaves or feathers, laid on a chest against the wall, which later became a cupboard for sleeping. The wall eventually became a headboard, the bed facing into the room with posts added to its foot, with a roof or tester overhead to support the draught-breaking curtains.

In the days of medieval princes—for the four-poster was not the prerogative of the hoi polloi—this idea evolved into four demountable posts with side and end rails that the potentates could carry with them in their interminable journeys. Hence the French word for furniture is *meubles*, the Italian one is *mobili* and the German is *Möbel*, each reflecting the mobility of noble household goods. The posted bed was indeed the bed of kings. Egyptian pharaohs held court while reclining, the Indian Moguls dispensed law and order lounging on their divans, the "Bed of Justice," and always under a sheltering canopy that signified that the sheltered one was a nabob.

THEREBY HANGS THE TALE OF THE TESTER, the equivalent of a roof over the bed, which was first the ceiling of a room itself, then became a separate frame, expanding with the grandiloquence of its owners until by the Renaissance it was tantamount to a cornice in a building. Bedposts exploded in *avoirdupois* concurrently, draperies became as rich as the silks of the Orient and the not-inconsiderable skills of European weavers could produce. The bed was virtually a great room within a great room. In 1580, the Great Bed of Ware was capable of accommodating six couples simultaneously—but let us not dwell upon the sensational.

Time marched on and we find Louis XIV, who was not only the Sun King but the acknowledged headman of the Boudoir Period in world history, conducting affairs of the realm at morning *levées*, enthroned in his bed of state, surrounded by his ebullient gold posts and armorial weavings as well as by his ministers and favorites. One assumes his nightshirts were up to these occasions.

CHARLES II, THAT MOST BED-MINDED ENGLISH MONARCH, was doing the same thing and it is recorded that his mistress, Louise de Keroualle, received her morning visitors from a bed hung with the most wondrous French "tapissry," a little gift from Charles. As for Nell Gwynn, she took her ease in a bed that was entirely sheathed in embossed and engraved silver, which had set Charles back a cool 906£.7s.5d.

RESEARCH UNCOVERS NO EVIDENCE OF BONA FIDE SOLID SILVER OR SOLID GOLD FOUR-POSTERS, but, conspicuous consumers being what they are in all ages, they surely must have existed outside of fairy tales. And metal beds there certainly have been. In the late 18th century and in Napoleonic times, when officers went off to war with all the comforts of home, the iron "tent" bed went with them and Hepplewhite's "tent" or arc-shape tester may have stemmed from that. As late as 1851, a knock-down officer's bed of iron came in a neat, fold-up package, saving of space if not sparing the brawn of the poor orderly who was delegated to carry it.

IN THE 1830S, THOSE WITH A LOVE OF THE AUREATE and its luxurious connotation could sleep in beds that looked like gold, thanks to a patent that permitted the coating of cast iron with brass. There were wondrously ponderous

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The quintessence of the four-poster—two beds lushly canopied and draped, suggesting the luxury of a private room-within-a-room. Above, Mario Buatta chose linen *toile de Vence* for a bedroom in Coe Hall, Glen Cove, N.Y., a designers' exhibit sponsored by the local Junior League; right, Diane Russell created an 18th-century aura with a flowered chintz in New York's Cooper-Hewitt Museum's Carnegie Mansion decorators' show for the benefit of Kips Bay Boys Club. ABOVE, HARRY HARTMAN; RIGHT, FELICIANO





Four-posted fantasy: Sphered and lacquered columns (*left*) recall the woodwork of *"pukka sahib"* India in a bedroom flavored with flounces, gatherings and quiltings of Edwardian England. In an amusing atmospheric switch, Interior Designer Ronald Bricke dressed the window valances to suggest the canopied coziness of a tester bed in a room without a tester. ***A today version*** of a tester bed (*below*) is a simple, uncurtained framework, finished in bone-colored lacquer that appears like parchment, yet it gives the traditional sense of seclusion. A steel sculpture hung on the bed wall seems to become part of the headboard. An antique tester in single size, like this, would be hard to find. Robert Metzger designed this guestroom in a "decorators' showcase" house in Bedford, N.Y., presented to benefit the Children's Receiving Home of Westchester.





Massive underplay—Interior Designer Ellen McCluskey painted a huge canopied four-poster the same green as the bed-dressing and wall stripes (*left*), thus encouraging it to blend visually into a pastel setting. Its orginal dark mahogany would have overwhelmed this room in the New York home of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Mailman. A Chinese jardinière holds the owner's needlepoint supplies. Her vivid bed cushions inspired the accentuating colors of the rug. ***Vibrant lashings of color,*** fluidly draped—a new look in four-poster curtaining (*right*) in the home of Interior Designer Rita Mino. Bed frame is an austere box of two-by-fours, turned spectacular by this fabric looping and the backing of a splendid Japanese screen and Mrs. Mino's collection of Oriental art, Japanese temple tables and Chinese lacquer, which has now been put to functional daily use.

TOP LEFT AND CENTER, BILL HELMS; LEFT, © PHILIP ROFFEL; RIGHT, MARIS/SEMEL







Contemporary gleam—the luxury look of silver and gold in a chrome four-poster intermittently sleeved with the glint of brass (*above*). It shines forth as its own ornament, quietly dressed with a tailored quilted box spread and upholstered headboard by C. J. Ashton Interiors. ***A whimsy of twisting vines*** becomes an airy *cadre* for sleeping in a New York apartment bedroom (*left*). In its reposeful setting of dusty rose and off-white, the bed provides the chief texture and pattern. By Interior Designer Bebe Winkler. ***Like a room-within-a-room***—the noble four-poster in Henredon's new Circa '76 collection (*top right*) practically panels a wall with its high headboard. Bed, armoire and tables are a sophisticated grayed-brown ash, spartan in line as Shaker, simultaneously suggesting Early American farmhouse and contemporary penthouse, shown here with the country look played up, walls and bed covered in Fieldcrest's "Strawberry Delight" sheeting. ***A four-posted cage of acrylic*** (*near right*) surrounds the bed and serves as partition between seating and study in an apartment at The Bristol, in New York City, where Renée Leonard designed this room for a teenage girl as part of a National Society of Interior Designers project. ***Regal and romantic,*** an antique brass bed, swirled and crowned with a coronet (*far right*), was Designer Raymond Tenerello's arresting touch of giddiness in an otherwise severely patterned bedroom in a New York bachelor's apartment. It's a bed that would also lend itself compatibly to organdy frills.

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AN
OPEN MIND
ABOUT CITY
SPACE





Editor MARJORIE FOX HILTON

Italian Jewelry Designer Aldo Cipullo feels he has to live in Manhattan right now, but "I need a feeling of open space, a sense of freedom." To achieve this, he worked with Architect John Erdmann to transform this former office space, cut up into cubicles, into a free-flowing living environment in the middle of the city. Stucco walls and quiet colors in antique and contemporary furnishings contribute to a kind of relaxed stability set off by eclectic European accents. The living room is L-shaped, with the formal fireplace arrangement *(above)* in one area and a more casual seating grouping in another *(below right)*. While no walls or doors cut off the space between, the two areas have quite different viewpoints. The living room with its antique tapestry chairs (one Flemish, one Italian), cube tables topped with Spanish graphics under glass and comfortable leather couch is traditionally arranged. The sitting area, however, has a more versatile approach with squares that can be piled up and pushed around. "I like changes," says Cipullo. "Every year my designs change and my apartment is set up so it can change." The space between the two areas *(below center)* takes on its own identity with a window-side table for reading or tea. Throughout, old and new designs join—not for effect, but because Aldo Cipullo loves to collect both. Everything in the apartment is an honest reflection of his taste; there is nothing here just for show.











A PERSONAL WAY WITH OLD AND NEW

The two stucco arches (*left*) were added by Architect Erdmann to divide living and dining spaces, while making a transition in keeping with the point of view of the apartment. The dining room (*right*) projects Country Chic comfort—a romantic simulation of times past. This room is both Cipullo's design and his handiwork. "I put up the stucco and painted the beams to look like wood," he says. The floor that appears to be made of terra-cotta tile is actually wood, hand-painted by Zachary Giles. The furnishings present no surprises, however. The Dutch armoire is antique; the hand-painted *cassa panca* (chest) is probably 18th-century Italian. Accessories, including an old scale, are all the results of Cipullo's long-time collecting urge. The bedroom (*above*) is a change of pace—entirely contemporary. Curving walls were added, and, to continue the rounded shape, there's a scattering of small plastic cylinder tables, Cipullo's design. A new thought to replace the traditional bedside table, these six tables of varying heights contain all the bedside necessities within reaching range. The painting over the bed serves as a visual headboard while

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PICKLES & PRESERVES

wise in ⅛-inch-thick slices. Place two or three slices at a time, one on top of the other and slice into thin strips. Drop into boiling salted water and cook until tender but still crisp to the bite.

Place 2 sprigs of the dill in the bottom of each of six hot, sterilized pint jars. Pack in the carrot sticks, standing up, and add one clove of the garlic to each jar. Add another couple of dill sprigs and sprinkle in about 1 teaspoon of the pickling spices. Combine the salt, vinegar and water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Fill each jar, leaving ⅛ inch head space. Seal. Process for 10 minutes. Cool, label and store.

Note: The Dilly Carrots should stand for about three weeks before serving them to allow all the flavor to develop completely.

RED HOT SAUCE

12 large garden-ripe tomatoes, peeled, cored and chopped
24 long hot red peppers, seeded and chopped*
4 cups distilled white vinegar
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons mixed pickling spices, tied in a cheesecloth bag

Combine tomatoes, peppers and *2 cups of the vinegar* in a large kettle. Cook over medium heat until the tomatoes are soft. Press through a cheesecloth-lined sieve or a food mill. Stir in the sugar and salt. Add the bag of spices. Cook about 30 minutes or until the mixture is thick, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. Stir in the remaining vinegar and cook another 20 to 30 minutes.

Pour, boiling hot, into four half-pint sterilized jars leaving ⅛ inch head space. Seal, cool, label.

* Use rubber gloves to prevent burning hands seeding peppers.

BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES

12 to 15 medium-sized firm cucumbers
6 large white onions
2 green peppers
½ cup salt
1½ cups sugar
2 teaspoons mustard seed
1½ teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon turmeric
3 cups distilled white vinegar
2 cloves garlic, peeled and split

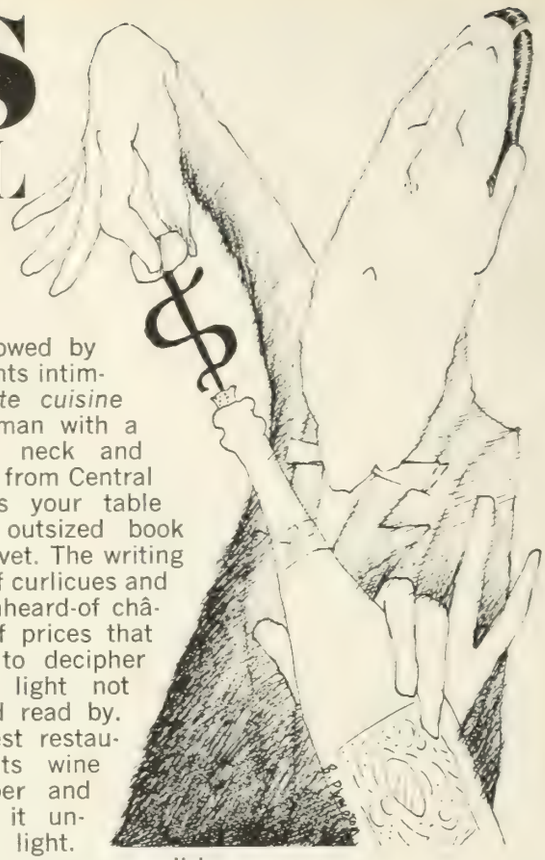
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MICHEL-ALEXIS TCHEREVKOFF

FOOD & DRINK

wine snobs & HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM



By LEONARD PROBST □ An American couple bought an abandoned property in the south of England and with it came a small vineyard. The next summer, while having guests to lunch on their terrace, the American host pointed to the vines and boasted, "You see those grapes only 20 feet away? Well, the wine you're drinking was made right here. How do you like it?"

The English guest sipped the wine and replied, "It doesn't travel very well, does it?"

The people who laugh longest at that story (I got it from David Brinkley, who spent last summer in England) laugh with the embarrassed self-recognition of wine snobs. It takes one to know one and to despise one.

Unpopular though they are, they are proliferating. Oenological double talk is becoming so common that there are now categories of snobs —and recommended ways of dealing with them.

On the other hand, if you're looking for a quick way to become a wine snob, memorize the 1855 classification of Bordeaux wines. Then, by careful reading of the label, you can breezily spin off such observations as, "This is a *premier cru*" or "It's a second or third growth." Either remark is enough to paralyze most dinner conversations immediately.

The cult of snobbery is naturally cultivated by snobs—and more important, by governments (France and Italy), by business organizations, by wine shippers, importers, growers and distributors, by liquor stores and restaurants and by middle-aged men. A French philosopher wrote, "Wine is an old man's milk." Most of the wine writers in America today are middle-aged men whose overbearing attitude toward the young consumer is, "They'll drink anything, as long as it's cheap."

Actor Burgess Meredith told me somewhat sadly that he'd come to realize, "Wine is a secondary pleasure, to be turned to when primary pleasures are past"—which may explain why middle-aged men talk so much about wine and young men don't. And this is also the reason that middle-aged men have cornered the market on wine snobbery.



Such snobbery can be carried to extraordinary length. I know a Broadway producer who decided he did not like the man his daughter married because when the producer opened a treasured bottle at their first dinner, the young man drank it without taking any notice of it. For the producer, the story had a happy ending. "After 10 years of marriage, my daughter finally saw I had been right from the first and she divorced him."

To use the language of the young, "Wine is a heavy scene." Almost anyone can be snowed by the ritual. Restaurants intimidate you. At *haute cuisine* establishments, a man with a chain around his neck and dressed in an outfit from Central Casting approaches your table with a 20-pound outsized book bound in purple velvet. The writing is a strange script of curlicues and flourishes listing unheard-of châteaux at unheard-of prices that you are expected to decipher in flickering dim light not even a monk could read by.

Oh, for an honest restaurant that types its wine list on white paper and lets you examine it under strong white light. As for the *sommelier*, you may well know more about wine than he does, or you easily can learn as much by reading a couple of good wine books.

There are only about nine people in America with significant knowledge of wine. None of them is a snob. They are all happy to talk about wine over a bottle of Gallo's Hearty Burgundy, which even today is still about $1.65.

But thousands of others, *parvenus* all, have made a lot of people feel that there is something missing in their lives, that they really aren't drinking good wine unless it is a 1959 Château Lafite Rothschild at $1,450 a case, that they are less than a success if they can't celebrate the wife's birthday with a Château d'Yquem of the year she was born.

It is ironic that in a country that until a few years ago drank so little wine—and knew and cared so little about it—there should develop so much abracadabra and mysticism about the subject. Snobbism flourishes with least restraint in areas where there is little knowledge and a lack of firm standards.

Should average wine consumption in the United States reach that of Italy and France, wine snobbery will be as powerless here as it is in those countries. However, we have a long way to go. Consumption here is rising every year, but both the French and Italians still drink 15 times as much per capita as we do.

Wine snobs can do more damage than merely diminishing the pleasure of the wine you're drinking; they can destroy a carefully prepared dinner. Food Writer Raymond Sokolov says, "Wine is terrible in its effect on food. I recently spent a lot of time preparing a fine meal where the excitement and the price of the wine—which was 10 times what each dish cost—ruined the impact of the food. Everyone now waits for the wine and instead of increasing the enjoyment of the food, the wine becomes the center of the meal. As a food writer, I find such concern with wine vulgar."

Movie Critic Gene Shalit dislikes wine and distrusts people who try to get him to drink it. "I don't want the kind of girl who rips me off about wine," says Shalit. "Give me the Tab girl every time. Sure, some wine tastes better than others, just the (*Continued on page 135*)

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Culinarily, what is vinegar?

A condiment, described in *Webster's International Dictionary* as "something used to give relish to food, and to gratify the taste." A very apt description, we suggest, of vinegar. One of the most ancient condiments in the world, it is mentioned many times in the Bible (a sponge of vinegar was offered to Jesus on the cross) and Hippocrates used it as a medicine. In addition to the vinegars with which we are familiar (tarragon, garlic, wine, malt, apple cider, salad and distilled white), there are unusual vinegars such as: caper, chili, shallot (*eschalot*), mint, raspberry, honey, etc. In Wales, they make a crab apple vinegar and in England the two most common sorts are malt and acid (wood vinegar). In France, as well as Germany, the vinegars are wine. In America, the most popular today is apple cider vinegar.

Where does the name vinegar come from?

From the French, *vinaigre. Vin,* meaning wine, and *aigre,* sour.

How exactly is vinegar made?

Let us take apple cider vinegar as an example. The apples, carefully selected, are pressed to release all their juices. This juice is allowed to ferment naturally, without any additives, to produce hard cider. It is then filtered to make the bright and clear cider. This is pumped into a unit where acetic acid-forming bacteria or culture is present. This culture, in the presence of oxygen, converts cider into vinegar. Like wine, it is aged in wooden tanks, reduced to 4 to 6% acidity, clarified a second time and pasteurized. Wine, or grape, vinegar is made from either red or white wines; Malt, or beer, vinegar is obtained from a fermented malt infusion or malt beverage. It is also known as British vinegar because it is the kind chiefly used in England, both for table purposes and for pickling. Distilled white vinegar, originally developed for pickling purposes (see *page 120*), is an all-grain or synthetic distillation, reduced to 4 to 6% acidity, clarified and pasteurized. As is obvious, vinegar is made from a variety of sources. But it can actually be fermented to ethyl alcohol from practically any sugar-containing material.

Has vinegar any calories?

For all practical purposes, none.

Where is vinegar most commonly used?

Particularly in salads, innumerable sauces (the mayonnaise family, for example), pickling and canning. But it is also used in sweet and sour dishes, in marinades, especially for wild game, and with cabbage and it can give a nice bright flavor change to pot roasts, meat glazes and broiled fish.

What is Pommery Mustard?

Known in France as *Moutarde de Meaux,* the secret recipe was given to the Pommery family by the ancient religious order of Meaux and is popularly known as the mustard for gourmets. Brillat-Savarin, the great French gastronome and writer, once said, "If it isn't Meaux, it isn't mustard." Served at the tables of the kings of France since 1632, it is now imported from France and available to plain people like us in 17½-ounce jars.

Is Roquefort cheese ever used in cooked dishes?

Yes. Although it is used most often to make canapés, in salads and salad dressings (a few ounces crumbled and mixed with Sauce Vinaigrette makes *un goût delicieux*), it is very good, indeed, in a soufflé, in baked stuffed eggs, in a *quiche* and in hot sauces used to finish chicken and steak. Roquefort is made from ewe's milk, which gives it such a distinct character, flavor and texture. Like all cheeses, it should be served at room temperature; but it is well to remember that Roquefort's famous flavor becomes more vivid as time goes on. So it is advisable, especially if you prefer it mild, to buy only what you can use in a relatively short period. Since Roquefort speaks with such an authoritative "voice," always wrap it securely and refrigerate by itself in a covered container. ■

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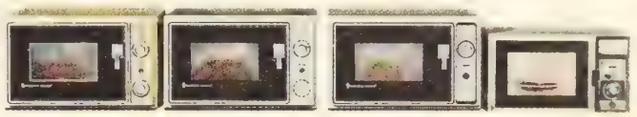
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Wash (but do not peel) cucumbers and slice paper-thin; peel and slice onions, also paper-thin; seed and cut peppers into fine dice. Place all the vegetables in a large container (non-metallic). Dissolve salt in 3 cups of water and pour over the vegetables. Weigh vegetables down with a large plate, then place a heavy weight on top to keep vegetables under the brine. Allow to stand two hours.

Meanwhile, combine all remaining ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over moderate heat. Lift out and discard garlic. Drain the vegetables well and add to the hot syrup. Bring to a boil again. Simmer while filling one hot sterilized jar at a time. Fill each jar to within ½ inch of the top, making sure the vinegar solution covers the vegetables completely. Seal each jar at once. Process for five minutes (see *page 134*). Makes three to four pints. Cool, label and store.

Green Bean Mustard Relish

2½ pounds green beans, washed, sliced crosswise ¼ inch thick
3 medium yellow onions, peeled and chopped
3 cups distilled white vinegar
2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
3 ribs celery, chopped
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup dry mustard
1½ teaspoons ground turmeric
1½ cups cold water
1½ teaspoons celery seed

Cook the vegetables separately in lightly salted boiling water until tender but crisp to the bite. Drain. (Discard liquid.)

Combine the vinegar and sugar in a saucepan. Heat to the boiling point. Meanwhile, combine the flour, mustard and turmeric with the cold water. Stir slowly into the hot vinegar mixture. Add the celery seed. Simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the vegetables and bring up to a boil. Pour at once into five hot, sterilized pint jars, leaving ½ inch head space. Make certain the vegetables are completely covered with the vinegar mixture. As you fill each jar, seal at once. Process for five minutes (see *page 134*). Cool, label, store.

Relish à la Provençale

½ cup olive oil
1 large eggplant, peeled and cubed
1 clove garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
3 garden-ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped (about 3 cups)
4 yellow onions, peeled and sliced thin (about 3 cups)
3 medium zucchini, sliced thin (about 3 cups)
1 sweet green pepper, seeded, ribs removed and chopped
Big bunch of parsley sprigs, minced
1 cup apple cider vinegar
2 bay leaves
6 peppercorns
1 tablespoon mustard seed
1 teaspoon celery seed
4 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon dried basil

Heat the oil in a large kettle. Add the eggplant and garlic. Cook 10 minutes, but take care not to burn the garlic or it will taste bitter. Add all remaining ingredients and simmer, uncovered, for one hour. Take off the heat and ladle immediately into four hot, sterilized jars, leaving ⅛ inch head space. Seal at once. Cool, label, store.

Curried Grapes

1¼ cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
1¼ cups distilled white vinegar
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
1 cup apple sauce (your own or commercial)
1 large yellow onion, peeled and chopped
1 tablespoon salt (*page 134*)
2 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 pound Thompson seedless grapes, stemmed

Mix all ingredients *except the grapes* in a large, heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened—15 to 20 minutes. Add grapes and cook two minutes longer.

Fill hot, sterilized jars leaving ½ inch head space. Seal. Process in water bath (see *page 134*) 10 minutes. Makes four half pint jars. Cool, label, store.

Lemony Watermelon Pickles

Rind of 1 medium to large watermelon
Hot water
2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel

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9 cups sugar
½ cup fresh lemon juice, strained
3 long cinnamon sticks and 3 tablespoons whole cloves, tied in a cheesecloth bag
1½ cups distilled white vinegar

Peel the skin off the rind and cut away most of the pink flesh. Cut into one-inch cubes. Place in a large kettle, cover with hot water and bring to a boil. Cook until the rind is tender but not soft—about 25 minutes. Drain. Place in a large bowl or crock.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a medium-sized, heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Pour over the melon rind. Allow to stand overnight. The following morning, drain the syrup into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over the rind and, again, allow to stand overnight. The third day, bring both the rind and syrup to a boil. Discard the spice bag.

Pack the rind into hot sterilized jars and cover with syrup, leaving about ⅛ inch head space. Seal immediately. Makes 6 ½ pints. Cool, label, store.

Tomato Chutney

15 large, garden-ripe tomatoes, peeled, cored and chopped
4 to 6 cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped
1 large cucumber, chopped
2 yellow onions, peeled and chopped
3 medium sweet red peppers, seeded, ribs removed and chopped
1 cup seedless raisins
3 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
3 cups apple cider vinegar (*page 134*)
1 hot red pepper
1 clove garlic, crushed and peeled
1 tablespoon ground ginger
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine all ingredients in a large kettle. Bring to a boil slowly. Cook over low heat for 1½ to two hours or until thick. Stir frequently to keep the mixture from sticking.

Immediately spoon into hot sterilized jars, leaving ⅛ inch head space. Seal. Makes about three pints. Cool, label, store.

Fresh Herb Jelly

2½ cups boiling water
¼ cup apple cider vinegar (*page 134*)
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
1⅓ cups (packed down) fresh basil, tarragon or mint leaves
4½ cups sugar
Few drops of green food coloring
½ bottle liquid pectin

Bring water, vinegar and lemon juice to a boil in a large kettle. Set aside 12 perfect leaves of whatever herb you are using; bruise the remainder by pounding and add to the kettle. Take off the heat and allow the mixture to steep for 15 minutes. Mix in the sugar, stirring until dissolved. Bring to a full rolling boil, add the pectin and boil hard for *one minute* (time yourself). Take off the heat and skim off any foam.

Arrange 2 leaves, face down, in the bottom of six hot, sterilized eight-ounce jelly glasses. Strain the jelly through a fine sieve into the glasses, leaving ¼ inch head space. Cover at once with ⅛ inch of hot paraffin (see *page 134*). Allow jars to stand undisturbed overnight or until cool. Cover with clean, dry metal lids. Label and store. Herb Jelly is delicious with cold veal or chicken dishes.

Crab Apple Jelly

This is such an extraordinarily delicious jelly that we think it's worth the effort of tracking down crab apples in the country. In the good old days, Crab Apple Jelly would be found in every good "cellar."

Choose sound firm-ripe crab apples.* Wash, core and cut in half. Cut out any bruises or damaged parts. Do not peel. Place in a large kettle, barely cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook slowly until the fruit is tender when pierced with a small sharp knife and juices flow freely—about 15 minutes.

Pour into a damp jelly bag and allow to drain overnight. For clear, sparkling jelly, make sure not to squeeze the bag.

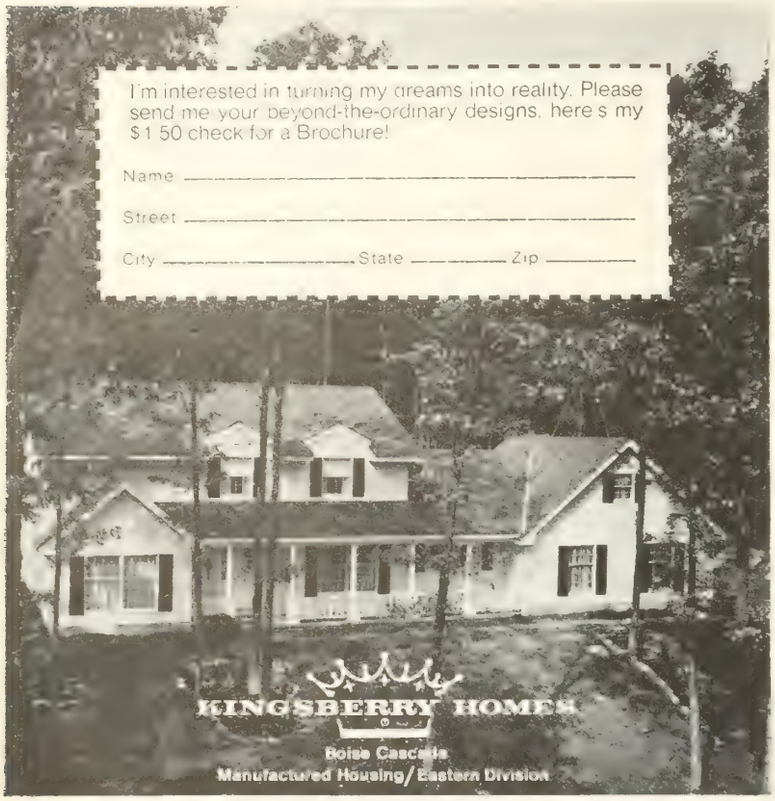
The following day, measure the juice and bring to a boil. For each cup of juice, add ¾ cup of sugar. Bring to a boil again and boil rapidly to the jelly stage (see *page 134*) or until the liquid reaches 220° to 222° on a candy thermometer. Experts insist on making both tests.

Take off the heat and quickly skim to remove the foam. Ladle boiling hot into dry sterilized jelly glasses, leaving ¼ inch head space. Cover at once with a thin layer of hot paraffin (*page 134*). Allow glasses to stand undisturbed overnight or until cool. Cover with clean, dry metal lids. Label and store.

*Three pounds of crab apples



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should yield approximately four cups of jelly.

CONSERVES, a mixture of two or more fruits, with a jamlike consistency, are made with raisins or nuts or both.
PRESERVES are whole fruits, or chunks of fruit, suspended in a thick transparent syrup.

Blueberry Conserve

2 cups water
4 cups sugar
½ lemon, sliced thin
½ orange, sliced thin
½ cup seedless raisins
2 pints fresh blueberries, stemmed (about 6 cups)

Bring water and sugar to a boil in a heavy saucepan. Add lemon, orange and raisins. Bring to a boil again. Reduce heat and simmer five minutes. Add blueberries and then cook over high heat until it thickens—approximately 30 minutes. As mixture begins to thicken, stir often to prevent sticking.

Ladle, boiling hot, into four half-pint sterilized jars. Seal. Cool, label and store.

Jeanne Lesem's* Indoor Sunshine Peach Preserves

In the old days, preserves, usually strawberries, were "cooked" outdoors in the sun under glass. It was a process that took days and a formidable task, because the pans had to be brought indoors each night to escape the dew. Today, with modern controlled ranges, sunshine preserves can be "cooked" in the oven with the same results.

3 tablespoons lemon juice, strained
2 pounds peaches, peeled, pitted and sliced**
3 cups sugar

Pour lemon juice into a wide 2½-quart saucepan. Slice the peeled peaches right into the pan. Turn the pieces over to coat them with the juice. Add the sugar and toss gently with a wooden spoon. If they prove to be very juicy, allow to stand 10 to 15 minutes for syrup to form; if not, they may need to stand an hour or even more.

When most of the sugar has become syrup, bring the mixture to a boil quickly over high heat, stirring to prevent sticking. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes or until the sugar has melted and the fruit is tender.

Pour at once into a shallow pan or baking dish (or dishes) to a depth of ¾ to 1 inch. Place in a preheated 170° oven for about six hours. They must be stirred occasionally.

When the syrup is thick and the fruit opaque, take pans from the oven and cool.

Once cool, spoon the preserves into hot, sterilized eight-ounce jelly glasses leaving ⅛ inch head space. Cover immediately with paraffin (see page 134). Let the preserves mellow before using. Makes 3½ cups. Cool, label and store.

Note: In the event you have to go out during the cooking period, turn off the oven, leave the preserves inside and relight the oven when you return.
*Jeanne Lesem's book *A Preserving and Pickling Primer* (Alfred A. Knopf Inc.) will be published next spring.
**All under-ripe or a mix of ¾ ripe and ¼ under-ripe.

Ginger Pears

4½ pounds hard-ripe pears, peeled, cored and diced coarsely*
6 cups sugar
Grated rind of 2 lemons
Juice of 4 lemons, strained
6 tablespoons candied ginger, chopped**

Place the pears and the sugar in a large kettle. Stir until the pears are well coated with the sugar. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until the sugar has melted. Bring to a boil, then simmer, stirring occasionally, until the fruit is transparent. Stir in the lemon rind, juice and ginger. Simmer until the juices are syrupy or until a candy thermometer registers 220°. The syrup thickens considerably as it cools, so take care not to overcook and allow the syrup to become too thick.

Pour into hot, sterilized jelly glasses, leaving ¼ inch head space. Cover at once with ⅛ inch of hot paraffin (see page 134). Allow jars to stand undisturbed overnight or until cool. Cover with clean, dry metal lids. Makes about six eight-ounce glasses. Label and store.
*Or the same quantity of firm, cooking apples.
**One three-ounce box yields three tablespoons chopped.

14 Splendid Guides to Better Pickling & Preserving

For cooks who wish to expand their preserving and pickling prowess, we present here: *A Primer for Pickles (and a Reader for Relishes)* by Ruby Charity Stark Guthrie and Jack Stark Guthrie (from 101 Productions, $7.95 in hard cover, $3.95 in paper) has wonderful recipes handed down in one family for generations. In the bookstores in October, another excellent source is The U.S. Department of Agriculture's *Complete Guide to Home Canning, Preserving and Freezing* (Dover Publications, $2.50, paper). It's all here, a compilation of seven pamphlets originally published as a consumer service. It is

an invaluable book, illustrated with how-to photographs.

The books that follow immediately (all superb guides to canning and freezing) are, in a sense, right from the horse's mouth, since Ball and Kerr are the only manufacturers of jars. For the *Ball Blue Book* ($1) and the *Ball Freezer Book* (35 cents), another practical guide, write to Blue Book, Box 2005, Muncie, Ind. 47302. For the *Kerr Home Canning and Freezing Book* ($1), write to Kerr Glass Mfg. Corp., Consumer Products Division, Sand Springs, Okla. 74063. Send cash, checks or money orders. *Do not send stamps.* In addition, Kerr publishes *10 Short Lessons in Canning and Freezing* (for beginners), 10 cents each; the *Kerr Guide to Home Canning and Freezing*, a 13-page booklet, is free.

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Equipment Needed for All Kinds of Pickling, Preserving, Jelly-making

In addition to jars and jelly glasses, you should have a funnel for filling jars; large metal long-handled spoons for stirring and skimming; proper pans and kettles; measuring cups; colander or large sieve, and squeeze-type tongs to lift jars from the boiling water.

The Types of Utensils are Most Important.

For cooking, you'll need enamelware or stainless steel pans or kettles deep enough so the liquid will not boil over. You will also need a large stoneware or nonmetallic container (glass, pottery or enamelware) for recipes that remain in a vinegar or brine solution for any length of time. *DO NOT USE* brass, copper, iron or galvanized utensils, as the acid or salt probably will react adversely.

Jars Must be Sterilized

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Wildlife sanctuary

—a way to be neighborly with nature

By RICHARD WOLKOMIR □ In this age of the dwindling wilderness, man must create sanctuaries for wildlife. The government does it on a large scale, but individuals and groups can create small preserves in vacant city and suburban lots or in their own yards. We've created such a mini-sanctuary on our land, for the sake of the birds and animals, of course, but for ourselves, too—we enjoy our wild neighbors.

We share our four Vermont acres with more than 50 species of birds, from tiny treetop warblers to a stately great blue heron wading in the pond. A painted turtle lives in the pond, too, with leopard frogs, spotted salamanders, brook trout and unearthly aquatic insects.

Along the shore, white-tailed deer mingle their dainty tracks with the prints of racoons, mink, muskrats and beavers. Busy in the pine woods are chipmunks, red squirrels, skunks, weasels, shrews, voles and deermice. Wild flowers are everywhere.

After gleaning tips from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, as well as from other conservation experts, we discovered that attracting wildlife can be easy. The secret? Saturate the area with wildlife's three basic requirements: food, water, shelter.

Studying the habits of birds and animals helps too. For instance, in planning our preserve, we decided to dam a stream to create a pond, which was fine. But then we industriously axed all the shrubby trees and bushes rimming the pond's far bank to extend our lawn. That was foolish. By taking a human's-eye view of the pond instead of a bird's, we destroyed natural shelter and thus shooed away the countless warblers and other songbirds that had congregated there. Now, we never alter the area's natural features without first considering the change from a bird's viewpoint.

One factor to consider when intensifying the bird population in a small area is protection from enemies. In rural settings, the answer to such natural predators as weasels and foxes is adequate cover—the proper kinds of trees and bushes. Also, posts supporting feeding stations and nesting boxes should be girdled with metal guards to thwart climbers. In towns where bird enemy number one is the pussycat, a tabby-proof fence often becomes necessary.

Since a swimming pool and a mud puddle are equally attractive to birds, water is the easiest of their needs to meet. A saucer on the grass or sunk into the ground will do, although it must be renewed frequently.

More pleasing to the homeowner might be an old tub sunk in the ground, lined with gravel and decorated with water plants to create a garden pool. And, depending on the size of your preserve and your purse, you can build anything up to a small lake for waterfowl. A pond only 4 by 10 feet can become an ecologically balanced habitat for fish, plants, insects and turtles. A wildlife preserve, of course, needn't specialize in birds—more satisfactory in large cities might be an exhibit of pond life or wild flowers.

Incidentally, birds, unlike humans, like to bathe in dust as well as in water. So it helps to turn the soil in sunny spots, such as at the base of a wall.

As vital as water to birds is shelter. In trees and bushes or in tall grass and brush, they build their nests and rest in relative safety. To them, the average American home's grounds —mostly lawn—are uninviting. Birds are more common in the suburbs of England because so many British homeowners fence in their yards with hedges and thickets of shrubs that give birds shelter. And by growing trees and plants that produce tempting buds, berries and seeds, it's possible to feed and shelter birds simultaneously, while transforming an ordinary lawn into a landscaped garden.

An alternative to planting trees and shrubs—or a stopgap while they're growing—is the brush pile. A good height is 10 feet. If it is piled neatly and given a foundation planting of decorative plants, it's attractive to you as well as to birds.

Natural cover can be augmented with birdhouses and nesting boxes. In fact, with today's tree surgeons removing so many dead trees and plastering up the holes in so many live ones, hole-dwelling birds need a little help from their unfeathered friends. Birdhouses can be bought or built, but they must be constructed properly and placed to satisfy birds ranging from thumb-sized wrens to purple martins, which live in large colonies. (For detailed information on birdhouses and other aspects of creating a mini-sanctuary, see the list of publications at the end of this article.)

Water and shelter are necessities, but the most inviting welcome mat you can spread for birds is food. And there are two ways to provide it.

The first is with natural plantings, which can serve as cover as well as food. Chickadees, sparrows, finches and other seed-eaters will welcome plantings of sunflowers, buckwheat, rye or millet. Woodpeckers, nuthatches and brown creepers will glean insects from the bark of trees, while vireos, warblers and fly-catchers will dart out from the upper branches to seize flying six-leggers. Bright, aromatic garden flowers will attract hummingbirds. And, wherever you live, there are scores of trees, shrubs and other plants that thrive in your area and will shelter and feed a variety of birds while decorating your grounds.

Feeding stations help to augment such natural foods, especially in winter. And they lure birds to your window sill.

Catering to birds can be as simple as you wish, anything from scattering stale bread on the ground to a haute-cuisine, fly-in restaurant with dozens of entrées tailored to the palates of scores of species. A good basic mixture includes suet, cracked corn and sunflower seeds. Additions to attract special birds include raisins soaked in water, cooked spaghetti, thistle seed, doughnuts on a string, spanish peanuts hanging in a basket, fat balls and so on.

Water, shelter, food. A mini-wildlife sanctuary is basically as simple as that. Or perhaps you have enough land to create a full-size sanctuary, like the 100-acre private preserve that a successful dentist maintains in Lincoln, Mass., just 14 miles from Boston. A luxury resort for wildlife, this preserve has man-made ponds and islands, plus streams, mudflats, fields and woods, special plantings of millet, buckwheat, winter rye, and hedges of multiflora rose, dogwood, mountain ash, viburnum, high-bush blueberry and other food plants, as well as a variety of feeders and birdhouses.

But a sanctuary's size is unimportant. On just two acres of grassy hillside in a nearby Boston suburb, another man has built tiny ponds where ducks and other waterbirds nest. The owner of a much smaller property nearby, whose hobby is bird-banding, has made his yard so attractive that he bands hundreds of birds each month. In fact, almost any vacant lot or back yard in a city, suburb or small town or in the country is a potential wildlife preserve.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BIRD-FEEDING

The best all-round feeder is a tray or platform, either hanging or set on a pole. It should have a roof, a raised edge to keep seeds from blowing away and a hopper so that refilling it will be an infrequent chore.

If possible, place the feeder in the sun and out of the wind. And, since birds prefer to feed in the morning, a sheltered southeastern exposure is best.

Birds will come to the feeder more boldly if shrubs or a brush pile are within a few feet.

It doesn't mean much to the birds, but a window sill feeder will be the most fun for you.

The best feed to start with, according to the Audubon Society, is a standard all-purpose type, sold at most supermarkets, which contains millet, various small seeds, cracked corn and a little sunflower seed.

Birds of many species relish sunflower seeds, but the seeds can be an expensive treat.

Suet is an important item in a complete feeding program, and beef kidney suet is the best. However, bacon fat and other cooking fats will do. Some birds like peanut butter.

Remember—once birds begin coming to your feeder they may learn to depend on it. So be sure it's always supplied with food, especially in the winter mornings and evenings.

For more information about creating a wildlife sanctuary, consult these publications:

Available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402; "Attracting Birds," #I 1. 72: ½ (15 cents); "Homes For Birds," #I 1. 72: 14 (20 cents); "Nature Downtown" (20 cents).

Many helpful publications are available free of charge from the Publications Division, Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Here are a few: "Invite Birds to Your Home," "Soil Conservation at Home" (AIB-244), "Making Land Produce Useful Wildlife" (FB-2035), "More Wildlife Through Soil and Water Conservation" (AIB-175), "Autumn Olive For Wildlife and Other Conservation Uses" (L-458).

Free information and help is also often available from your local soil conservation district office, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and from county extension agents, as well as from state and local chapters of the National Audubon Society and other conservation groups. ■



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By JACQUES PEPIN □ Although artichokes have been cultivated in France since the 17th century, they are not a common vegetable on the American table. Small artichokes can be served raw, with butter and salt. Cooked artichokes can be served cold as a first course, lukewarm with hollandaise or melted butter as a vegetable, or hot, stuffed with meat or other vegetables.

A good-sized artichoke will weigh about eight ounces. To cook, prepare as below and then place the artichokes in a good amount of boiling, salted water. (Do not add the artichokes until the water is boiling.) Cook, uncovered, 40 to 45 minutes. To test for doneness, pull out a leaf; if done, it pulls out easily. Rinse immediately under cold water to prevent discoloring. It's best not to refrigerate artichokes, but you can prepare them ahead and refrigerate until an hour before serving. To serve lukewarm, drop them into boiling water for two minutes and remove the chokes just before serving.

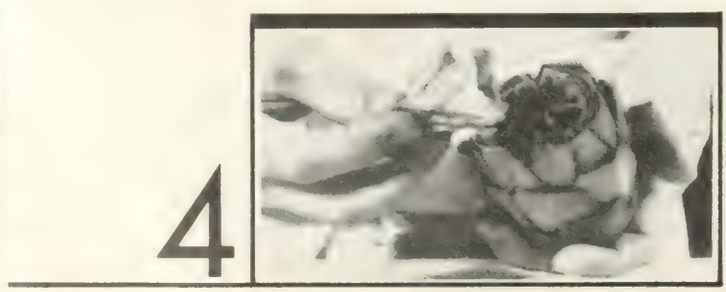


To prepare an artichoke for cooking, first break off the stem or trim it off with a knife. (This helps to pull out of the heart the stringy fibers that develop in mature artichokes.) Cut about 1½ inches from the outer leaves, so it will stand upright on its base.





For esthetic purposes, trim off the points with scissors, by cutting straight across the top of each leaf. When the artichoke is being cooked ahead and will be refrigerated, secure a slice of lemon to the base of each artichoke with some string. This will help keep the bottom white until serving time. Then cook as described above.



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When filling jelly glasses, leave about ¼ inch head space. Cover immediately with about ⅛ inch hot paraffin. To seal properly, rotate the glass so the paraffin "climbs the glass" and makes an airtight seal. Do not be tempted to use two layers of paraffin because it is too heavy and will not hold a seal. ■

WINE

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way I think a Tab tastes better than Royal Crown Cola." Shalit's sense of humor has an original bent. He adds, "The dairy industry should be so clever. Suppose you had people saying 'There was a terrific grass crop and the cows that live in South Dakota—because the soil and the sunlight there lend a certain bouquet to the milk—why, those Aberdeens give up the finest, rarest, hardest-to-get milk in the world.' Everybody would laugh at them. And yet they don't laugh at grape growers. It's all part of the 'If it's hard to get, it's good' attitude. People are crazy."

Shalit is wrong. Some wines *are* better than others. However, he is right that drinking wine has been blown up into a cult.

Professor Jean Mayer, the French-born Harvard nutritionist who, among other duties, has been a *tastevin,* told me, "The first thing in dealing with snobs is to remember that wine is only grape juice." As for its effect on health, Dr. Mayer said, "Two moderate glasses a day may be good for you and, our data indicates, may help avoid heart attacks. But it is not a case where a little is good for you and a lot is better."

One of America's most respected food writers, Craig Claiborne, recently reappointed the food editor of *The New York Times,* laughed when I asked if he considered himself a wine snob. "Not in the least. I will drink anything so long as it isn't too sweet and doesn't taste like sulphur." What does Claiborne think about wine snobs? "They're the sort of people who say, 'This wine reminds me of a nice young peasant girl who hasn't had a bath.' " His final word: "Anyone who tells you he is a gourmet has a lot going against him."

There is so much hokum about wine that it has been a problem for more than a generation, even in America. In a book written in 1941 entitled *American Wines,* Authors Ted Marvel and Frank Schoonmaker defined wine hokum as, "All the things people can find out about wine without ever drinking it."

Of course, wine snobbery is merely a fragment of the total cult of snobbery, which exists in so many forms. Russell Lynes sums it up: "Snobbishness is a way of massaging one's ego!"

In his 1955 essay *The Anatomy of Snobbery,* Arthur Koestler zeroed in on it this way: "The essence of snobbery is to assess value according to the wrong scale. The snob is always trying to measure beauty with a thermometer or weight with a clock." And the wine snob makes the mistake of measuring wine with the price, the label, the vintage, the shipper, the bottle, the restaurant, the *sommelier,* instead of measuring it by its taste, its appearance or color and its fragrance —by its intrinsic values.

You may have your own list. Here are some of the types I've happened to encounter:

The Import Snob—airily talks of French châteaux and the hopeless position of native American wines.

The Patriot Snob—distrusts anyone who likes foreign wines, boasts domestic wines are always the best.

The Price Snob—recalls the "$40 wine" he had last night.

The Cheap Snob—forever knows a cheaper better wine than anyone.

The Vintage Snob—manages to tell you about the night he "cleaned out the last 1962 Figeac in town."

The Arcane Snob—cites vineyards, châteaux and shippers no one has ever heard of.

The Ethnic Snob—drinks only Swiss or Yugoslavian wines.

The categories are not airtight. Last year's Patriot may well be this year's Ethnic.

Then there are image snobs, those who talk about wine in terms of sex or femininity, going back to Ovid, who said, "Wine prepares the heart for love, unless you drink too much." Wine is not a stimulant. What it does is to release some of the con- (*Continued*)



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trols we impose on our actions. In other words, psychologists say, its effect is not like stepping on the gas, it's really more like releasing the brakes.

Some people say wine makes them feel more important; others believe it makes them feel more sexy, and some people it turns on verbally. I've collected some of the things people say at a number of wine tastings. Of the many, I've distilled two I like best. Music Critic Harold Schonberg, when asked to describe a wine, replied: "It tastes like it was aged in oak barrels, but new oak." And Food Writer Gael Greene described a particular red California wine with this: "It's as refreshing as a 17-year-old lifeguard on the Fourth of July."

How to cope with a wine snob? Ignore him. If you can't, try laughing inwardly. Let him expose his own insecurity. Let him have his moment of glory. Still, if you want to confront him head on, you might ask: "Do you really think it's that good? If we were to have this and another without seeing the labels and then judge them, that might be fun." You have to seem naive and be most friendly to carry this off, though.

The cruelest way is to study wines and use pure knowledge. Another way is to do what Gene Shalit does. Says Shalit, "When I meet a wine snob, I destroy him. I order iced tea. Then I say, 'Chill the glass, please.' If he has any sense, he realizes what a pompous idiot he is." ■

4-POSTER

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four-posters of brassed-over cast iron in florid Renaissance moldings ready to be dressed in princely damasks or velvets. And by the turn of the past century, many a "best bed" was spindled in glittering brass. Charles Eastlake, the stern mid-Victorian advocate of Gothic simplicity, hailed the iron bed as an aesthetically sound and sanitary piece of "farm" furniture, designed one with a tester and pointed out that it was quite suitable, too, for well-placed families in the big cities.

Over the centuries, the four posts have taken many forms, fattening up, slimming down and fattening up again, much as a woman perennially on a diet. Posts ranged from the bulbous "cup and cover" melon shapes of Elizabethan oak to the "barley sugar," Flemish-inspired twistings of William and Mary to the Solomonic columns and polychrome of Saracenic Spain to the squared-off pilasters of Chippendale's Chinese pagoda beds to the pencil-slender and reeded delicacies of Sheraton and Hepplewhite to the ponderous cluster-columns Victorians loved and had space for in their 14-foot-high rooms. ***The weighty four-posters*** were much favored in the ante-bellum American South and recollections of that romantic era surely must play a part in our present-day delight in the tester bed. Do you not remember Scarlett clinging to a bed post while her stays were being pulled around her waist?

Earlier in the history of the four-poster, beds were evaluated more for the grandeur of their curtainings—be they damask or tapestry, crewelwork or homely wool—than for the wood frames themselves. So when Will Shakespeare bequeathed his second-best bed to his wife—which would seem ungallant of the Bard—it probably didn't mean that he was relegating her to an uncomfortable mattress, but that the hangings were not as voguish as the ones on Bed Number One. They may well have been warmer.

And speaking of mattresses, whether you were prince or proletarian in a four-poster bed, whether your curtains were velvet embroidered in pearls or common linsey-woolsey, you slept on a stuffed ticking suspended from a criss-cross of ropes strung between the bed rails. Mattresses on springs didn't make the scene until the early 19th century. There wasn't much bounce to the ounce in the good old days.

Chippendale is credited for having revived the four-poster at a time when it was losing its prevalence. But the fact is that it has never gone "out of style." If its practical raison d'etre has long since disappeared with the coming of central heating and individual bedrooms, its appealing aura of the cherishable definitely lingers on. Clearly, it must touch some real human needs, like the need to dream, to indulge our private hallucinations of grandeur, to feel embraced, protected, sheltered from the impingements of the outside world.

When Jan de Hartog made the four-poster the symbol of a marriage's history, he may have come close to cracking the secret of its perennial come-on. Do we love it because it harks back to the past, gives us a sense of roots and continuity? We'll leave that to the philosophers. One thing we do know—if any one piece of furniture could be considered the family heirloom of the whole human race, it's the dreamy four-poster.

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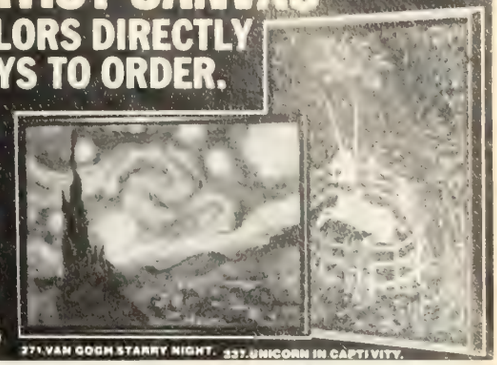
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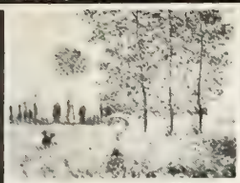
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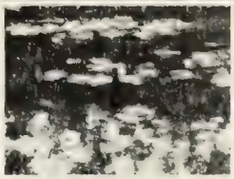
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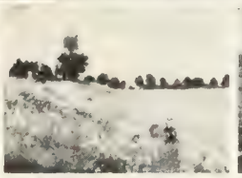

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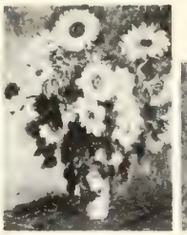

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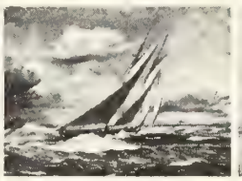

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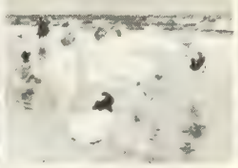

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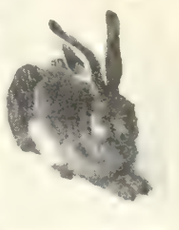

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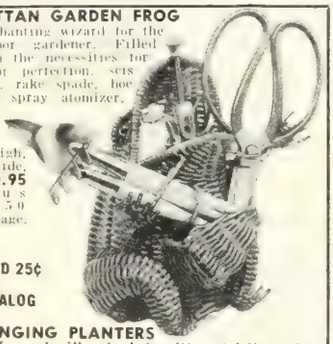
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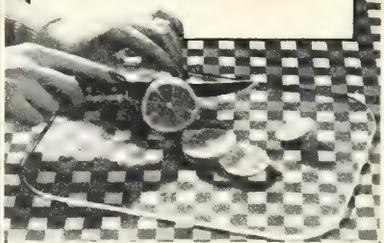


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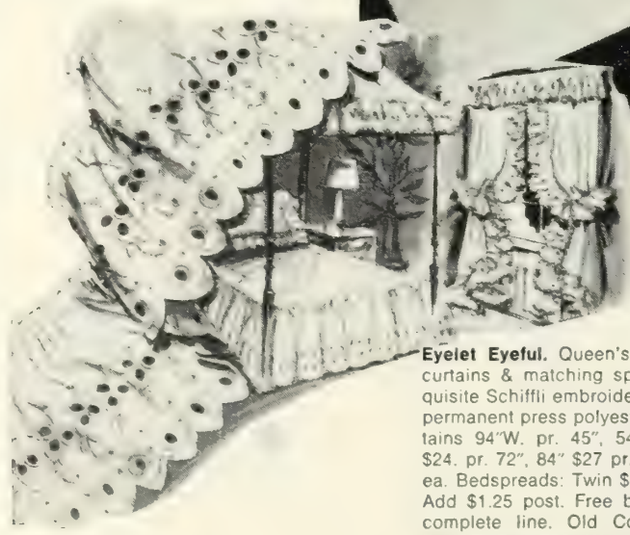
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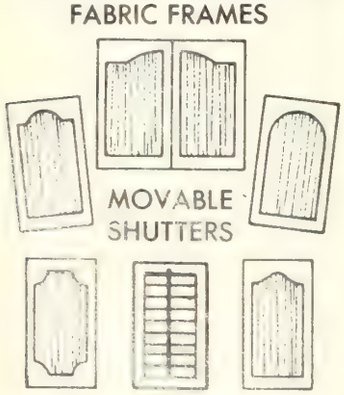
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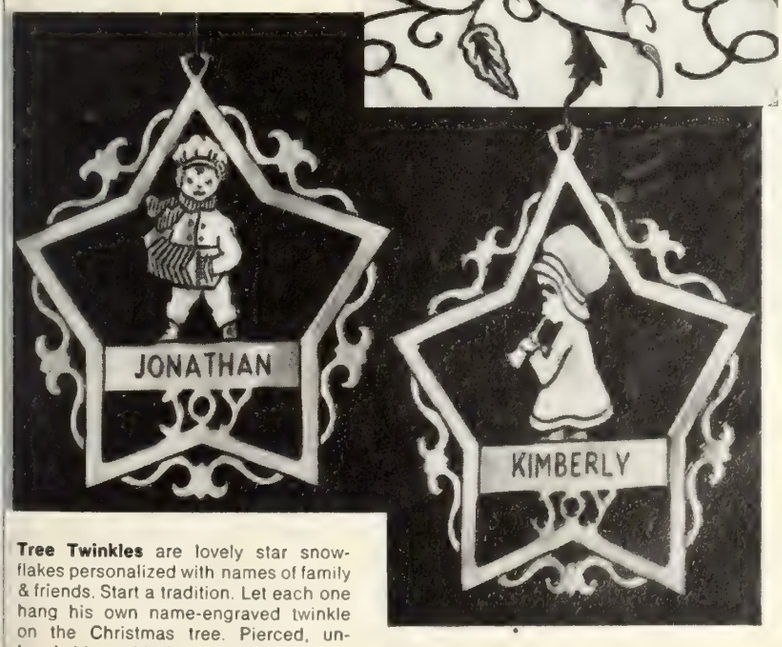
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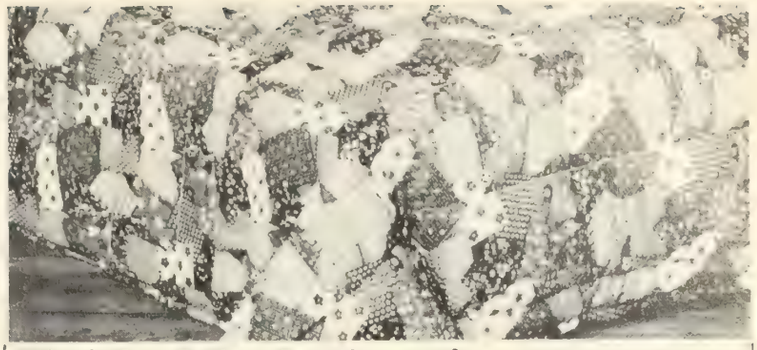
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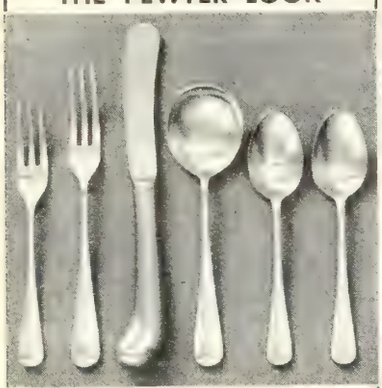
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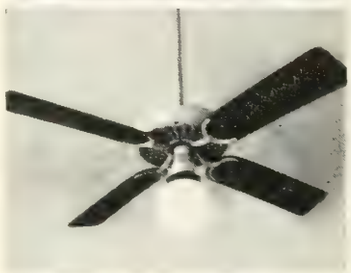
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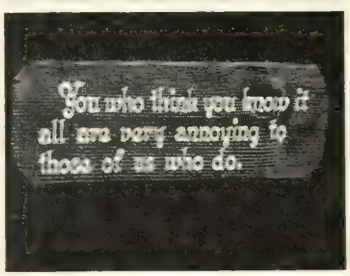
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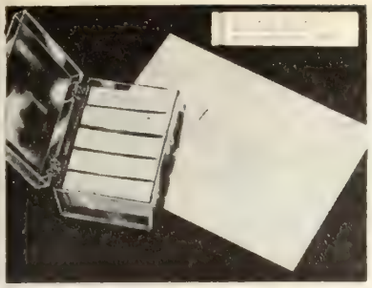


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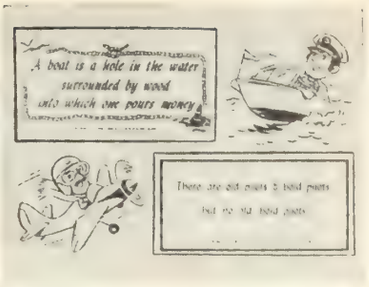
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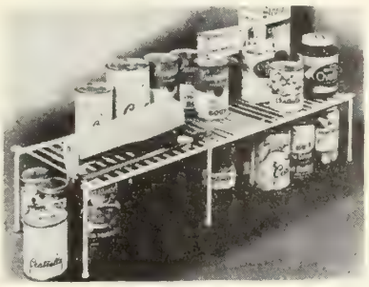
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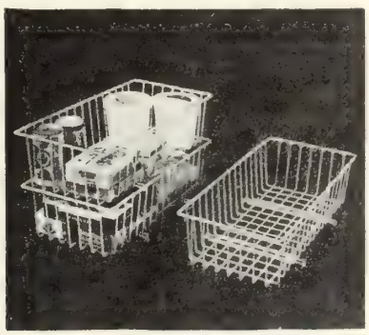
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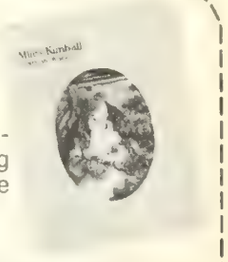


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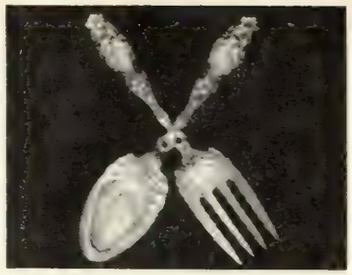
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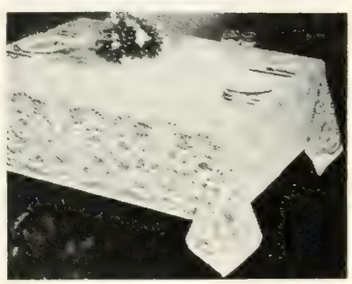
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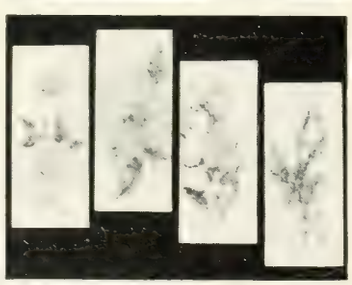
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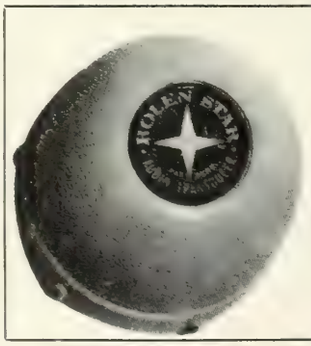
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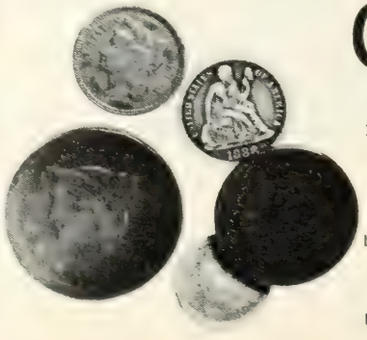
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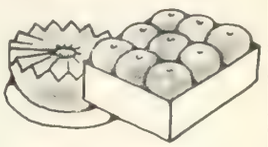
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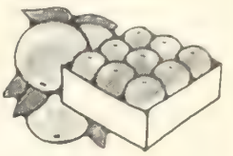
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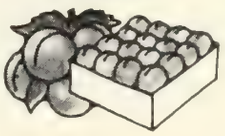
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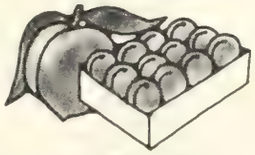
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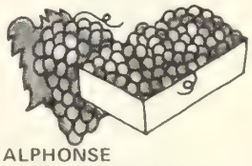
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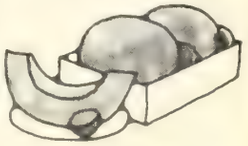
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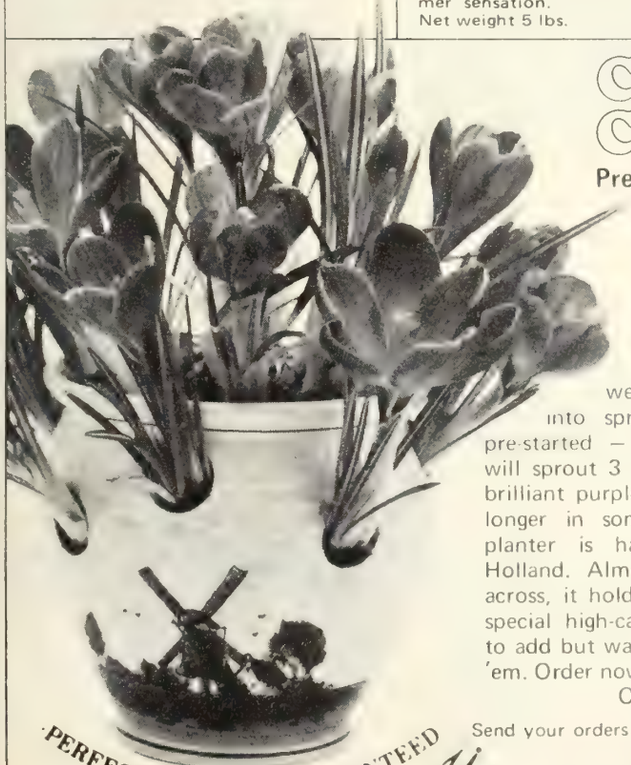


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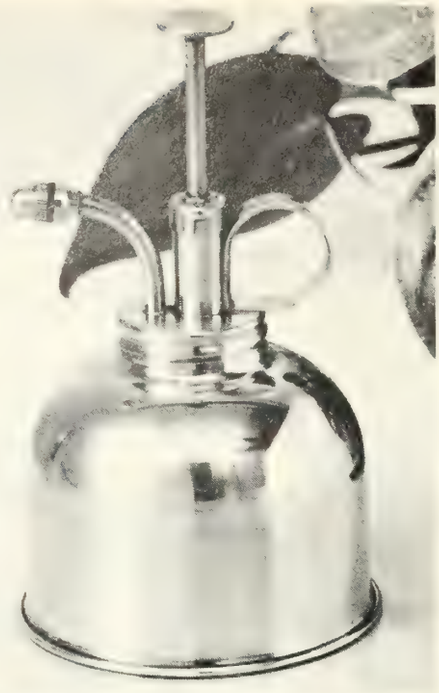
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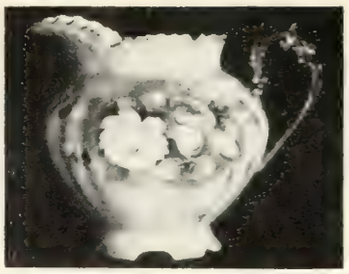
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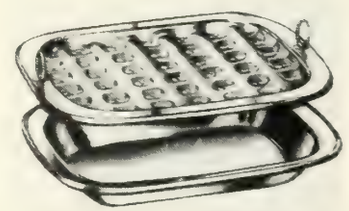
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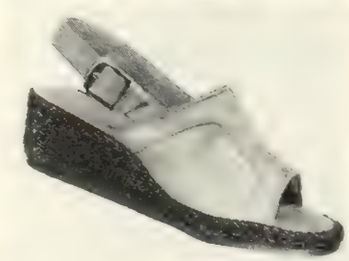
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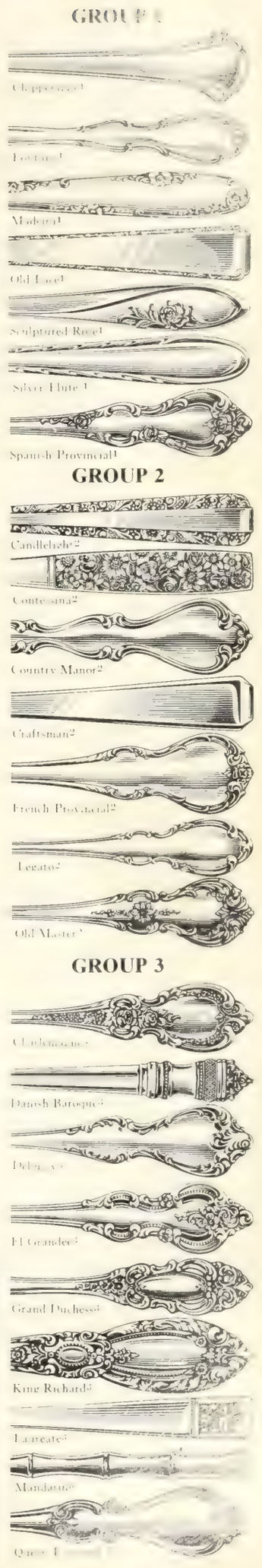
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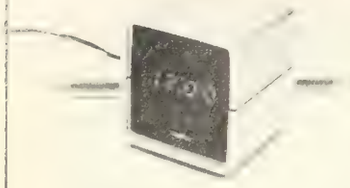
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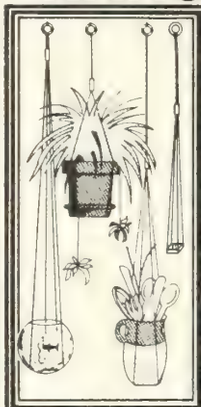
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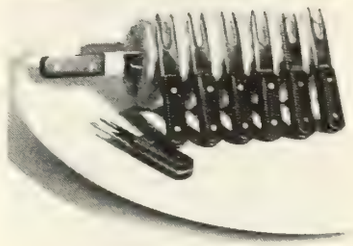


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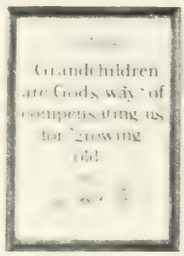
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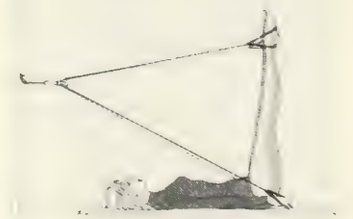
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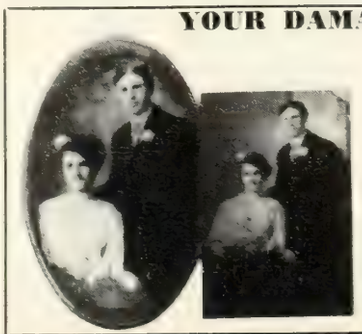
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What Is This Ingenious Plan?

The Weider '5' Minute Body Shaper Plan is based on doing one continuous, coordinated rhythmic exercise — twice daily and cutting down 20% of your food intake — without giving up any of the foods you like.

This one, five-minute exercise is designed to slim and firm your flabby waistline and hipline (where fat accumulates quickest, giving your body a flabby, weak and distorted look), as well as take off excess body fat **fast** by speeding up your metabolism, burning off stored calories, and releasing excess water. At the same time, it helps to reshape your bustline, hips, firms your arms and legs — improves your total figure.

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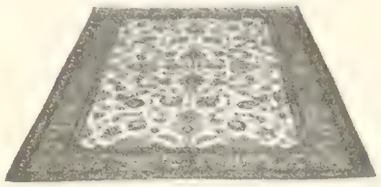
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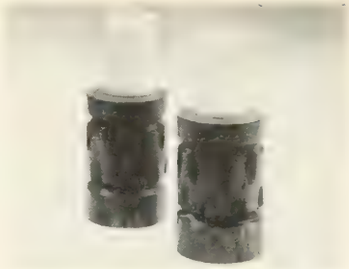
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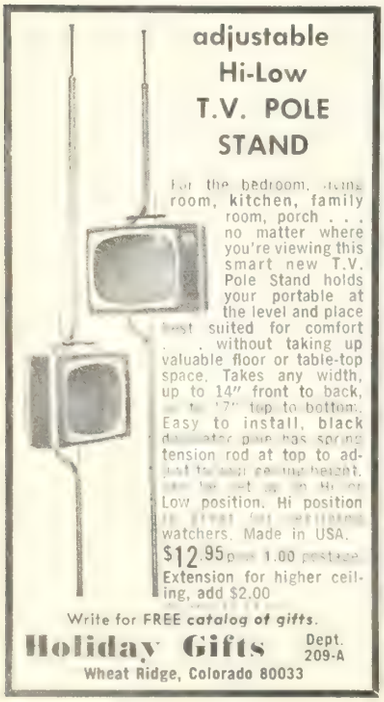
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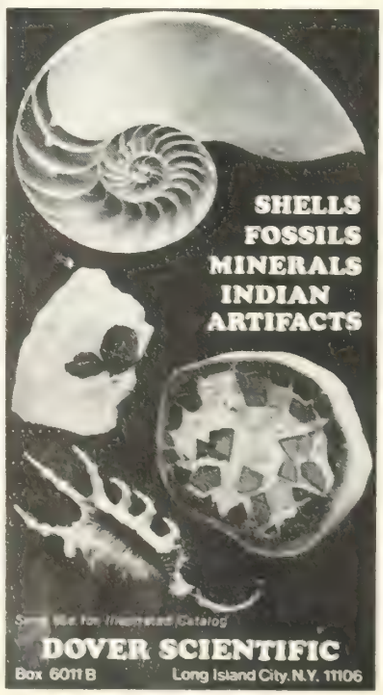


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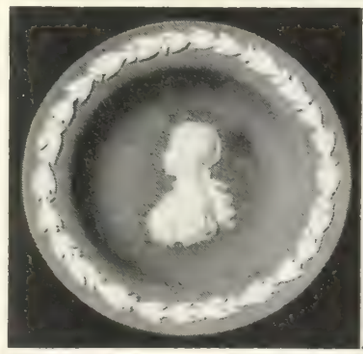
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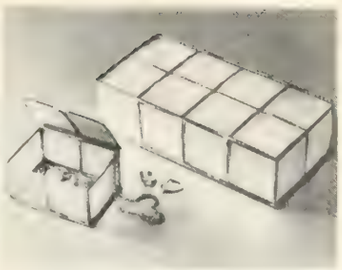
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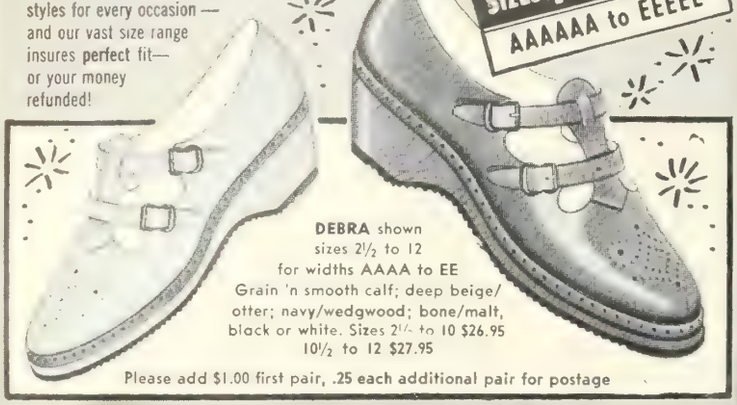
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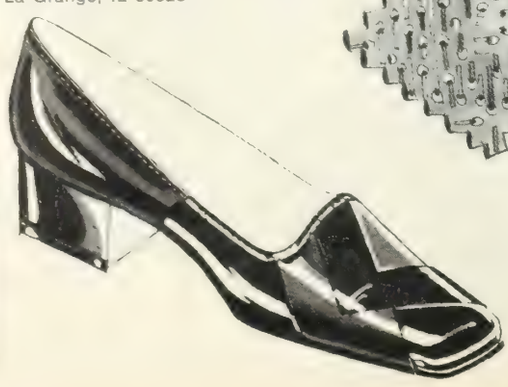


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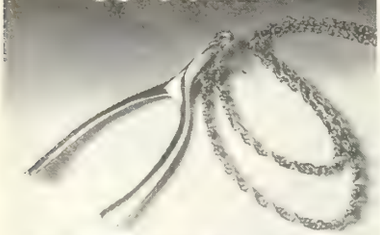
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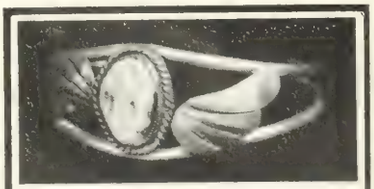


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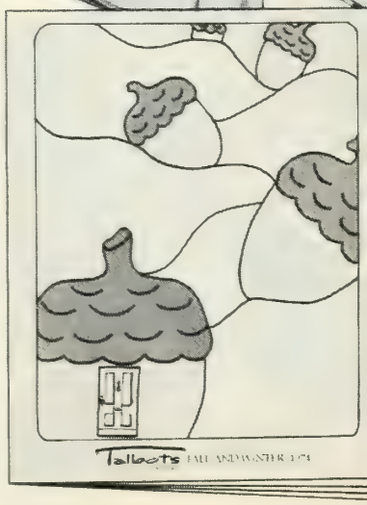


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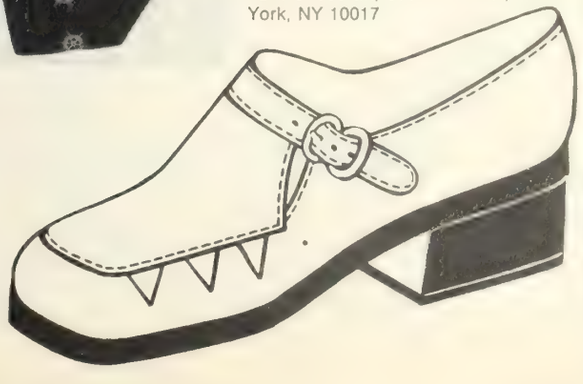
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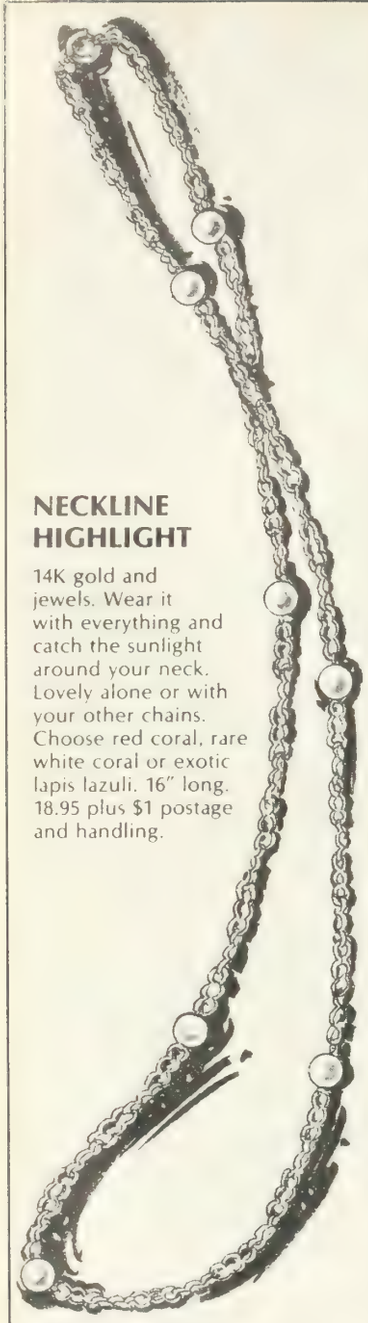
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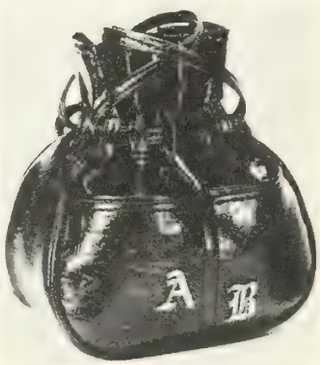
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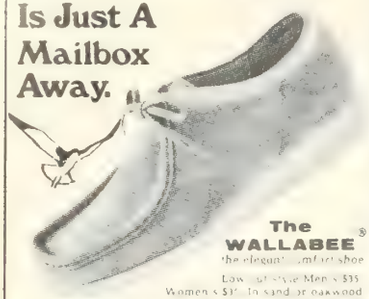
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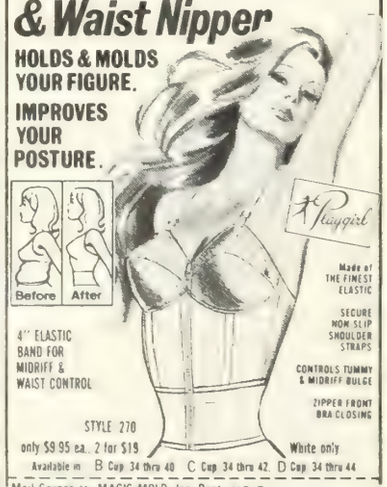
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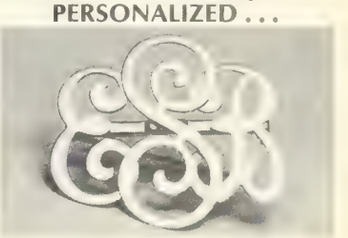
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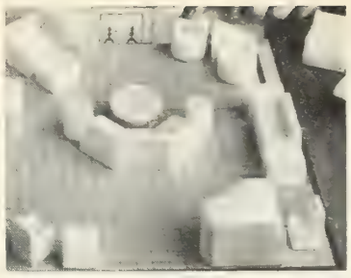
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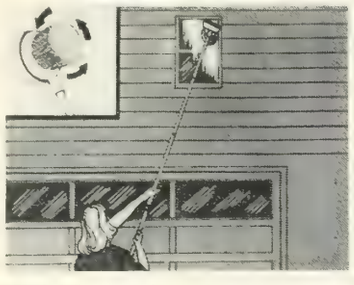
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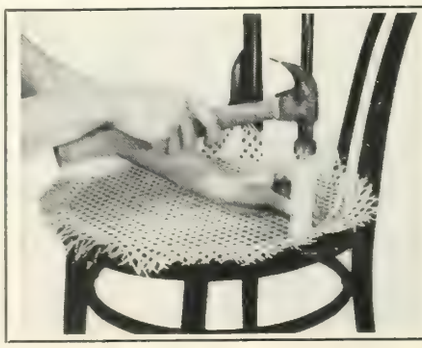


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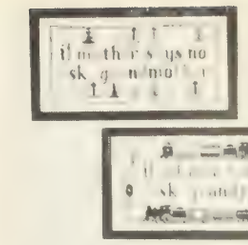
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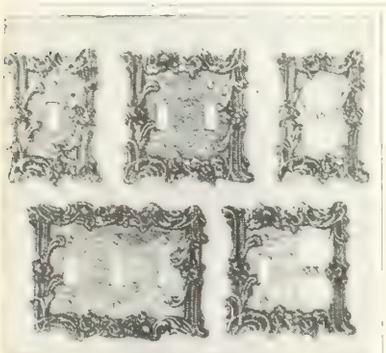
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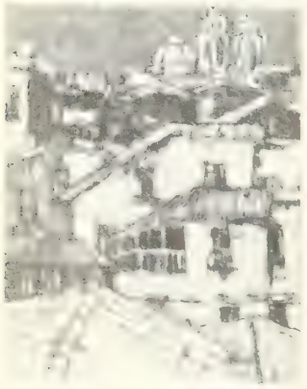
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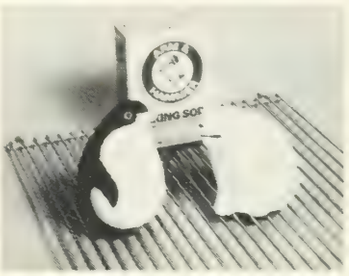
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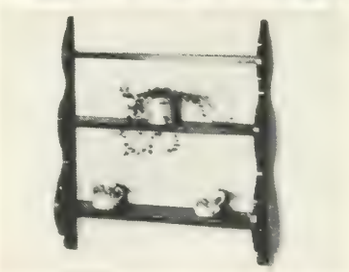
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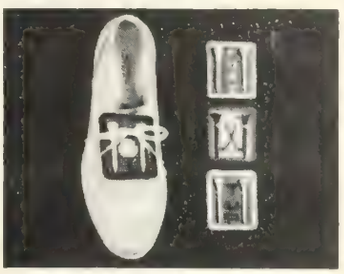
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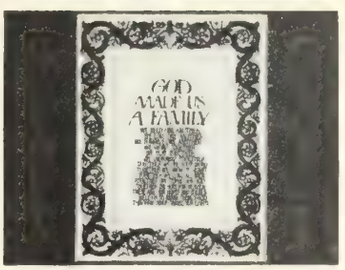


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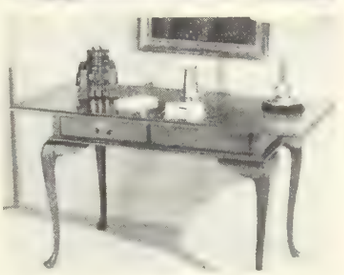
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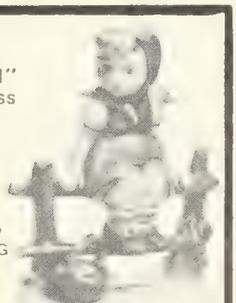
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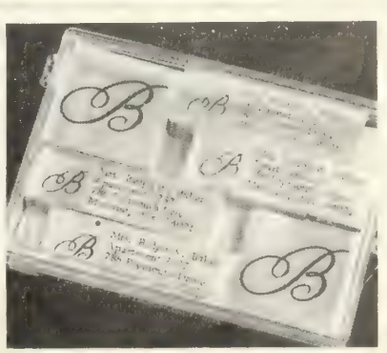
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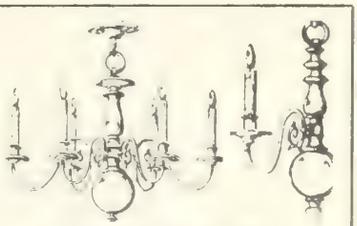
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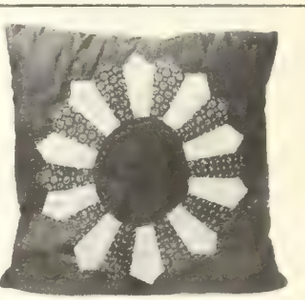
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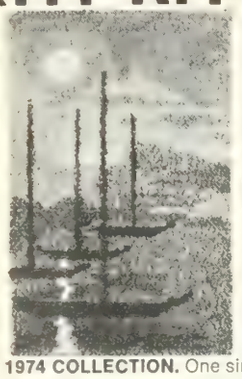
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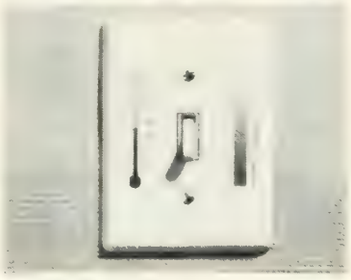
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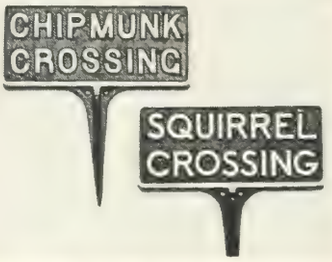
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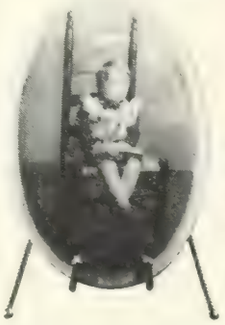
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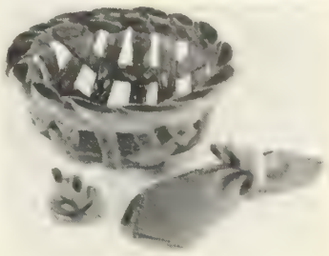
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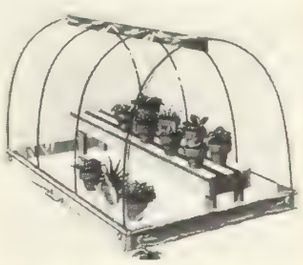
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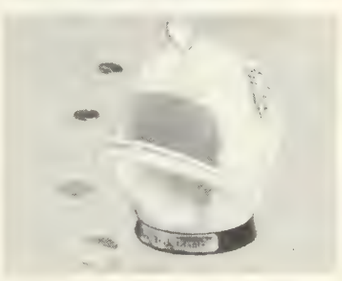
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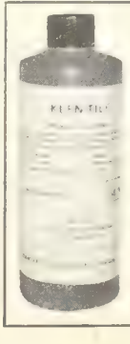
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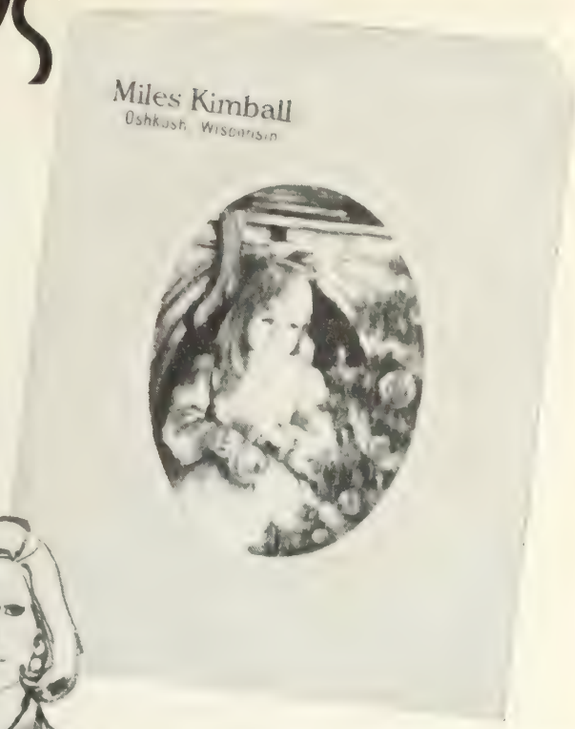


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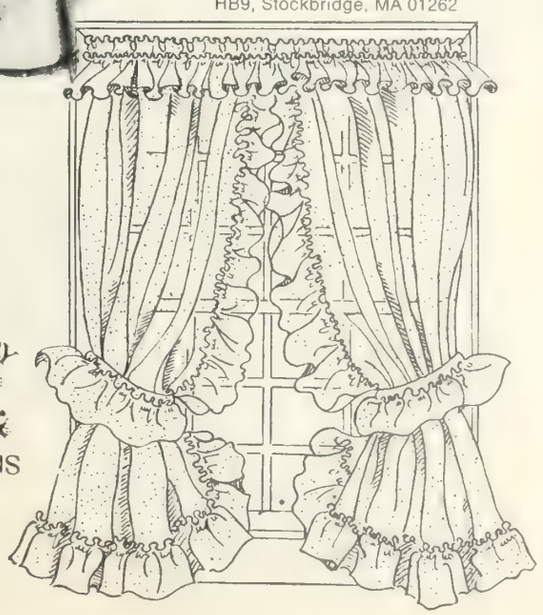




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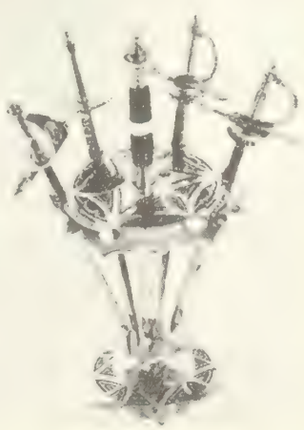
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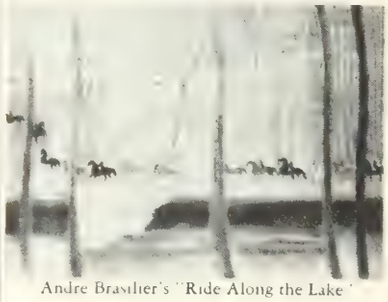
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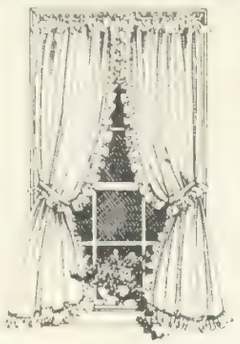


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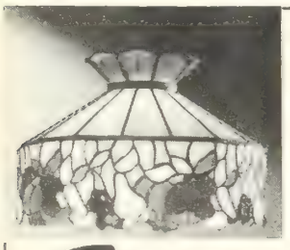
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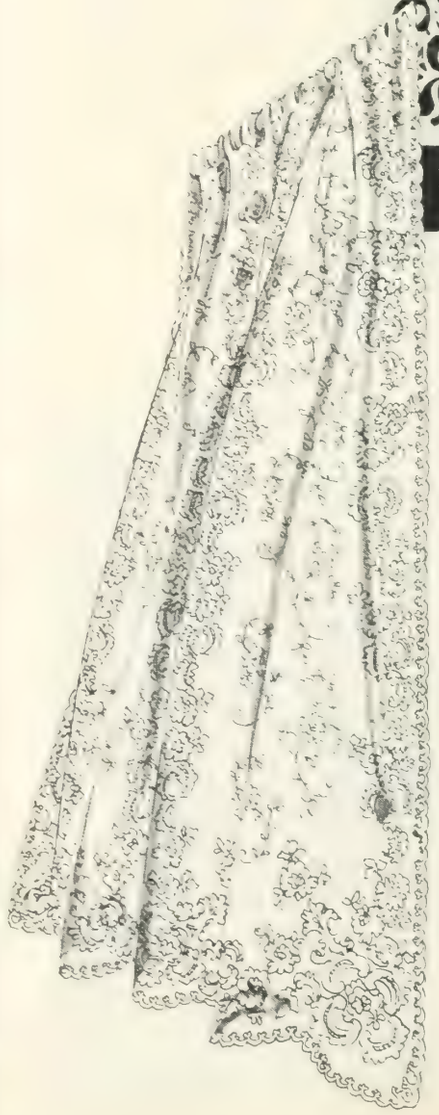
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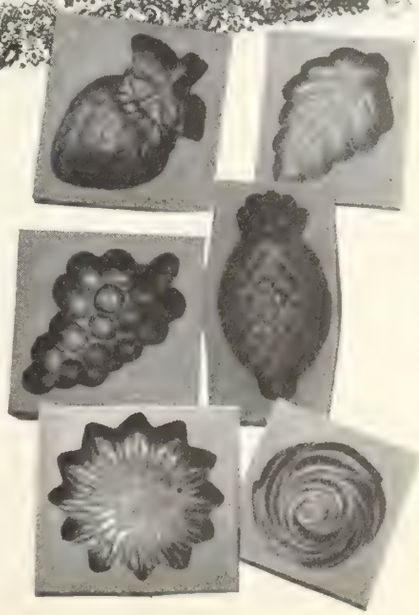


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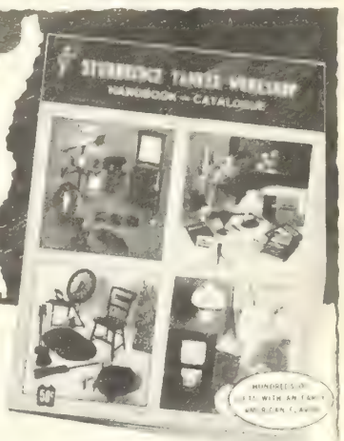
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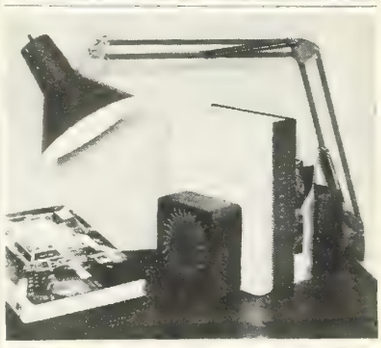
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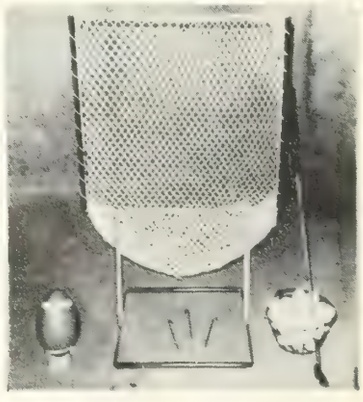
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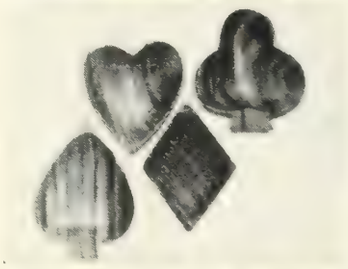
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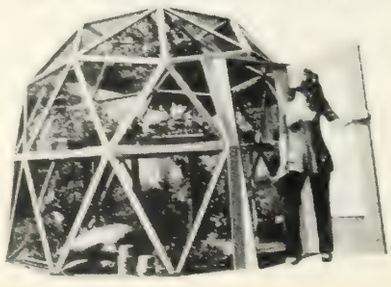
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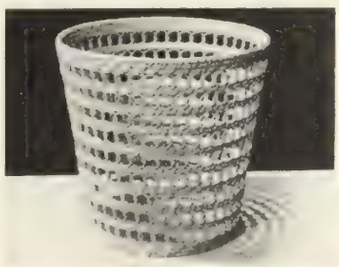


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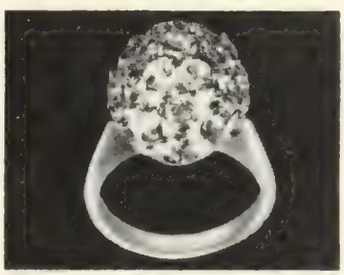
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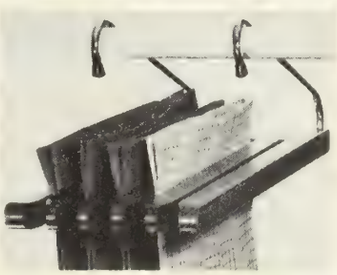
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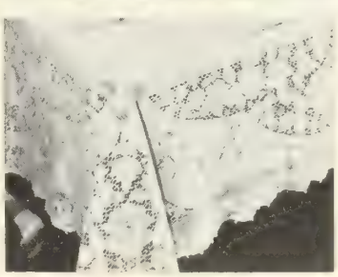
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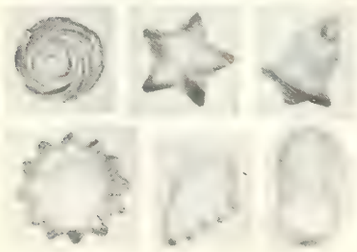
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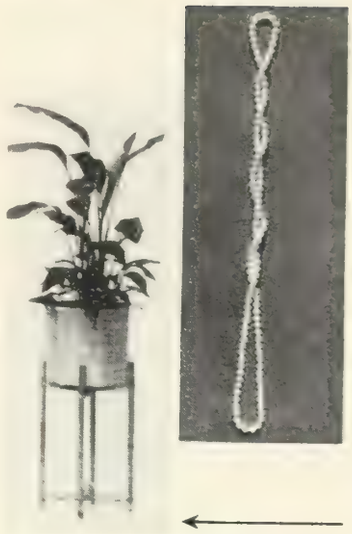
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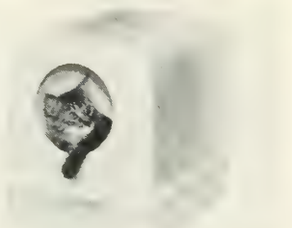
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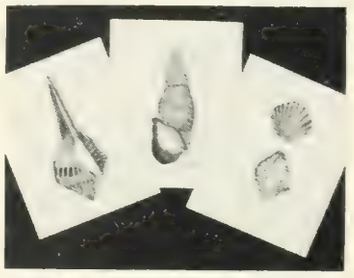


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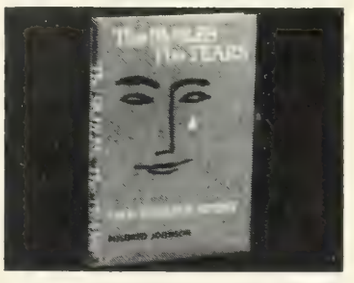
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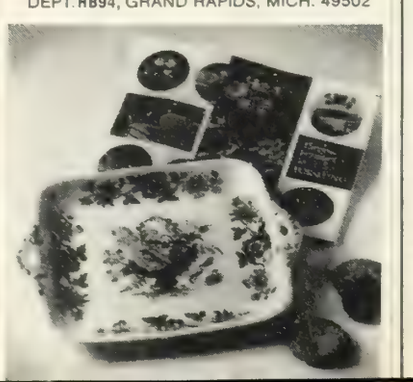


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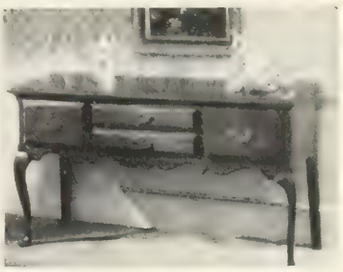


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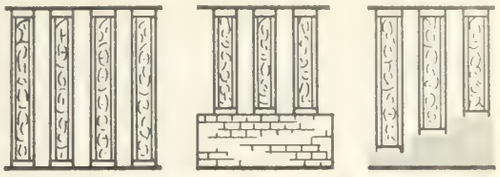


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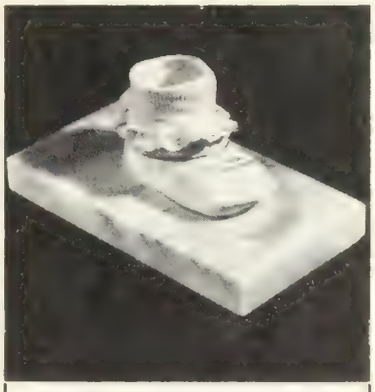
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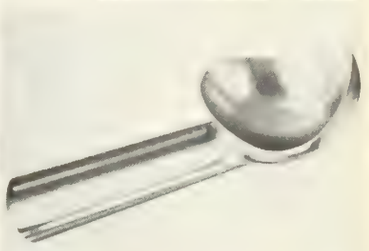
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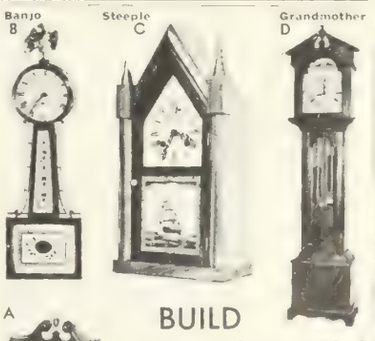
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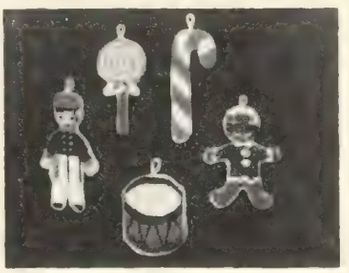
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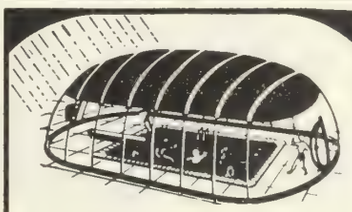
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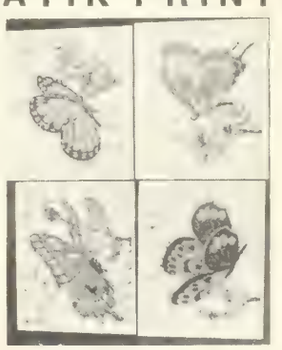
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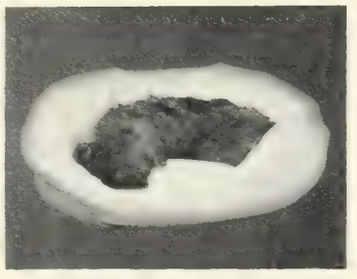
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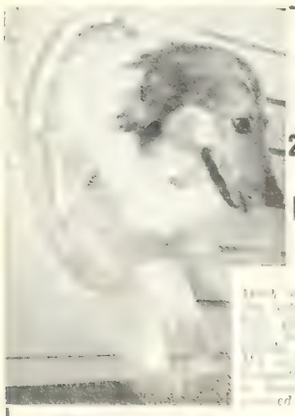
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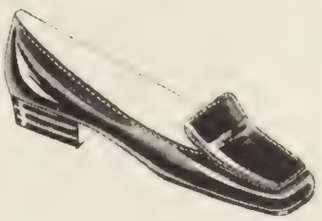
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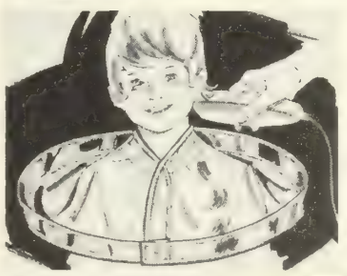
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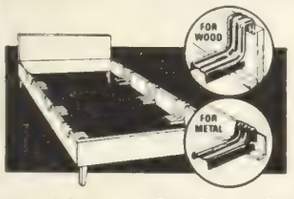
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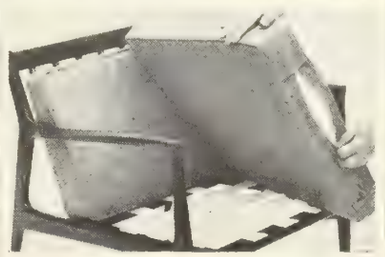
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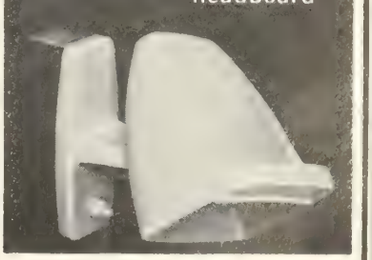


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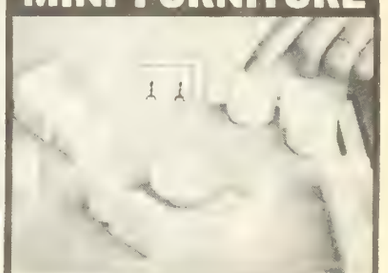


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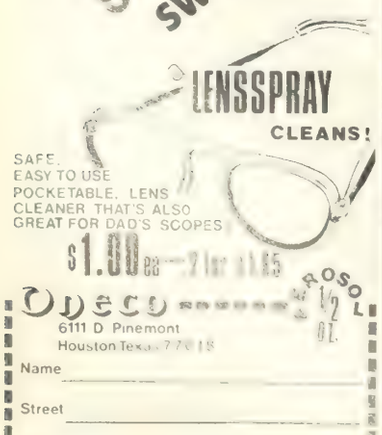
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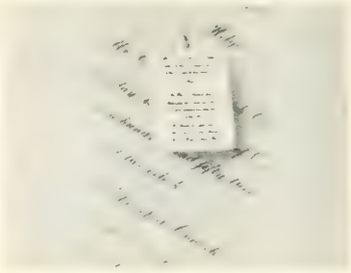
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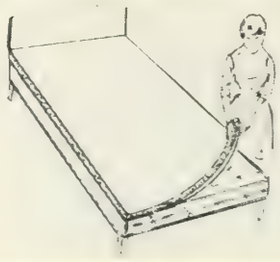
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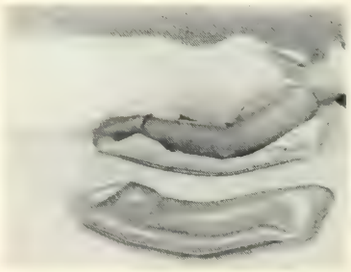
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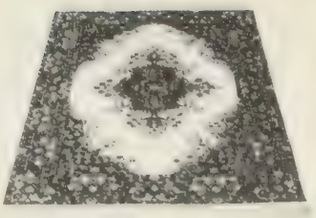
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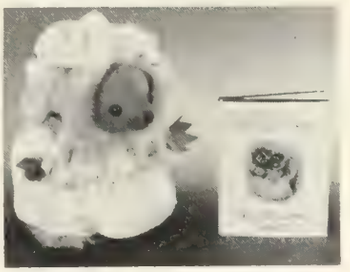
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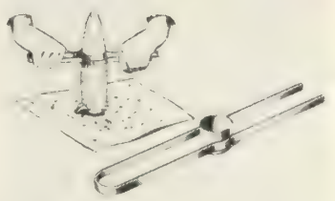
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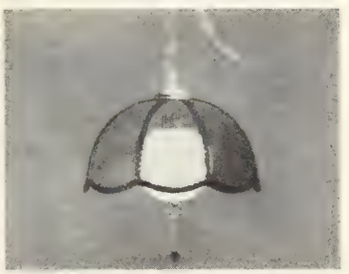
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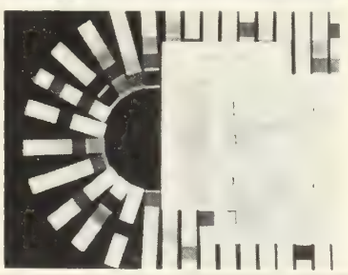
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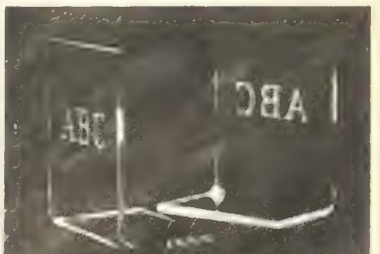


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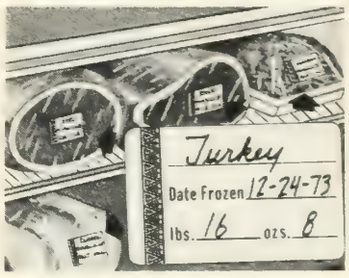
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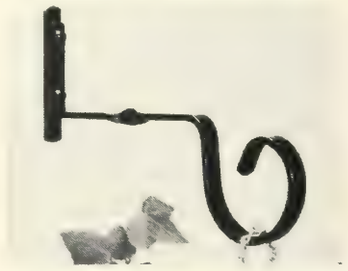
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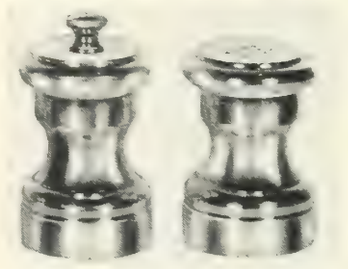
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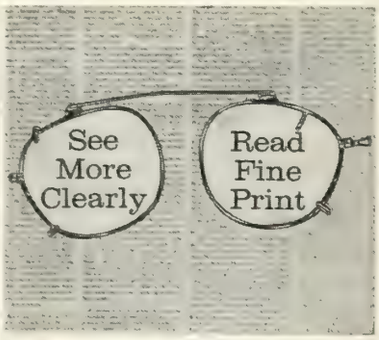


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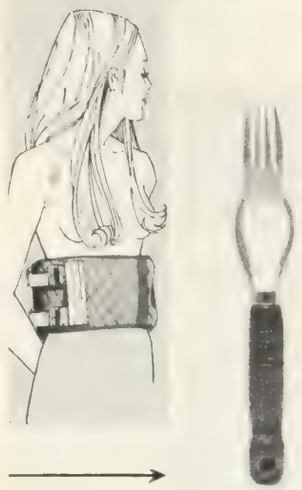
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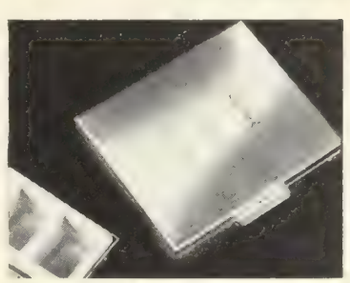


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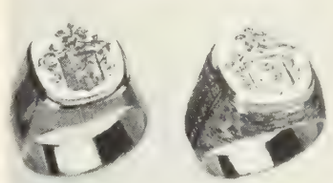


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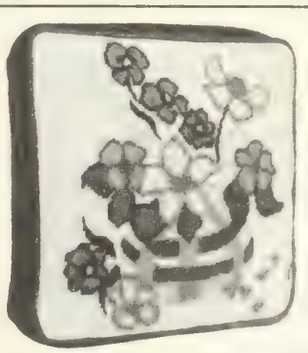
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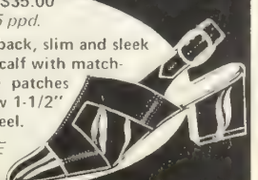
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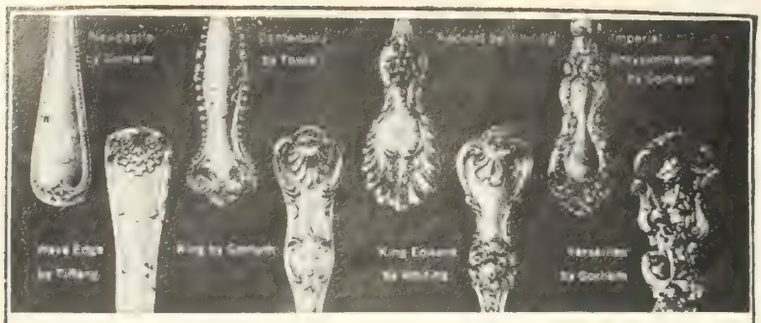
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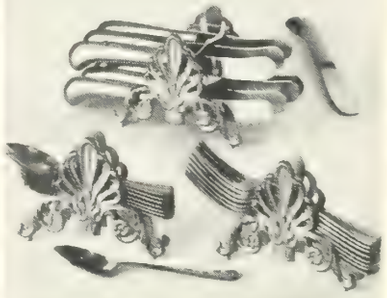
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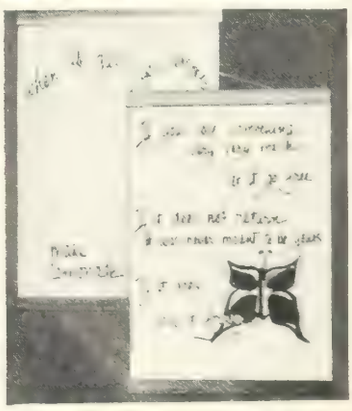
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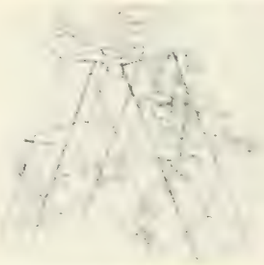
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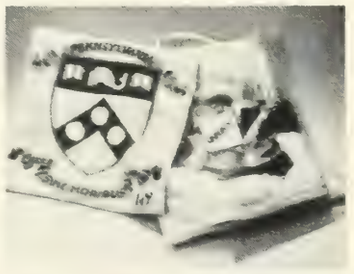
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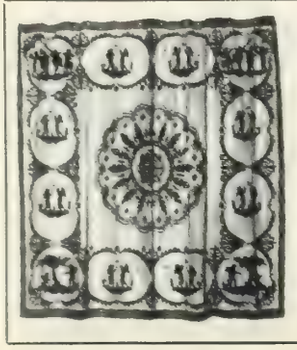


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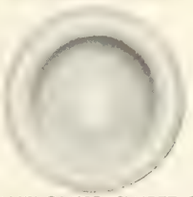
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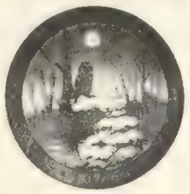
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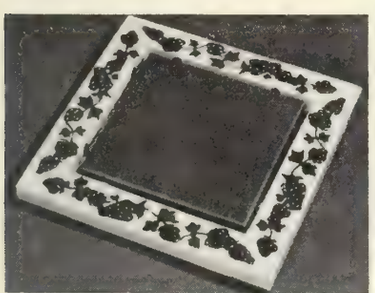
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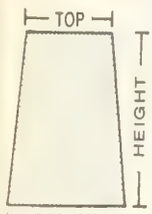
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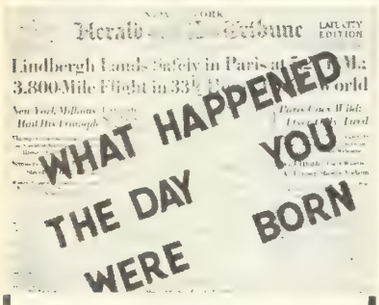
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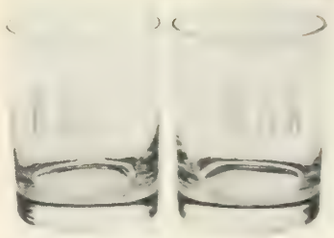
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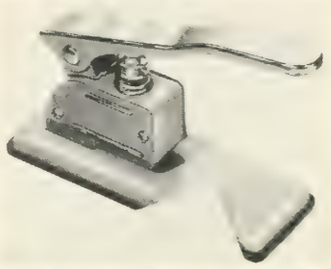
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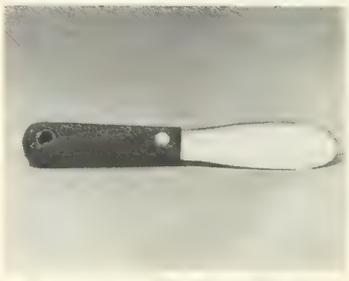
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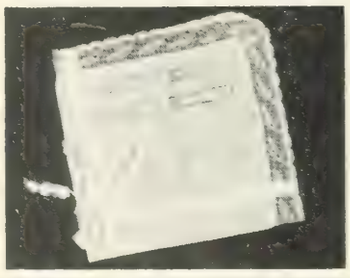
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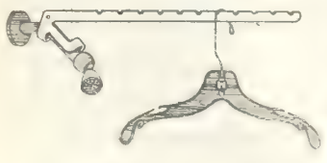


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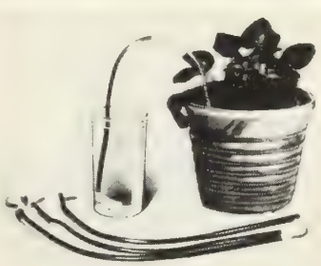
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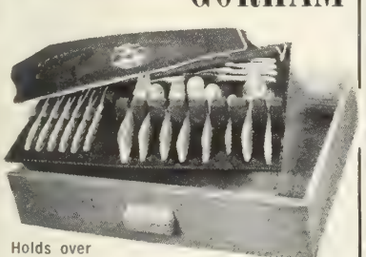
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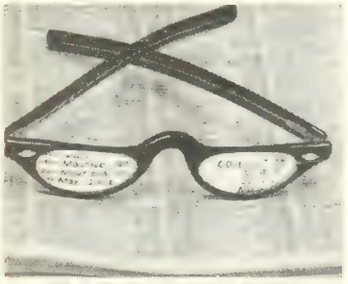
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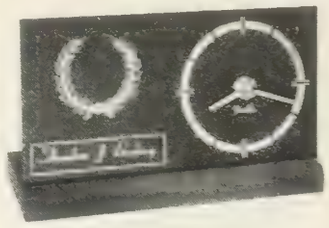
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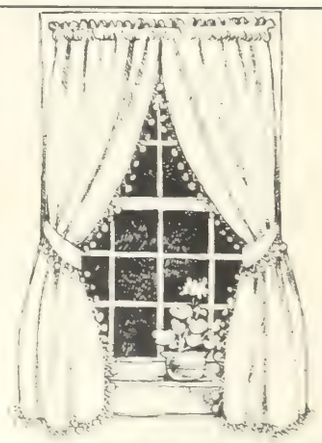
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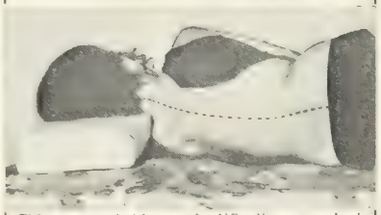
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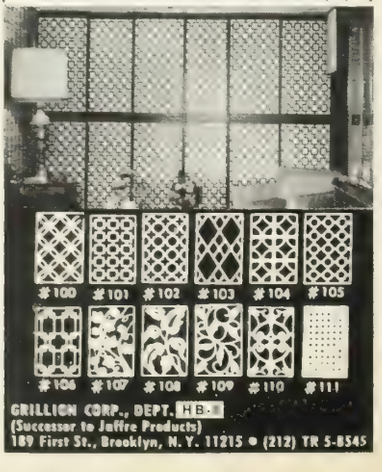
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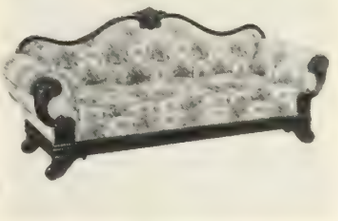


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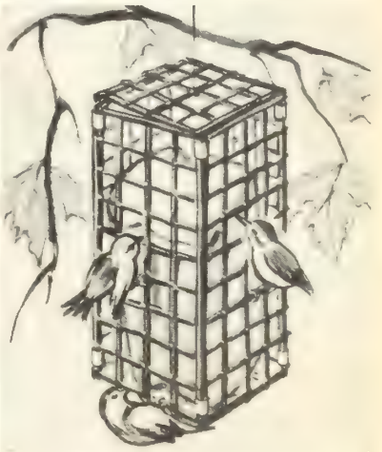
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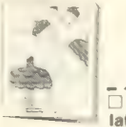
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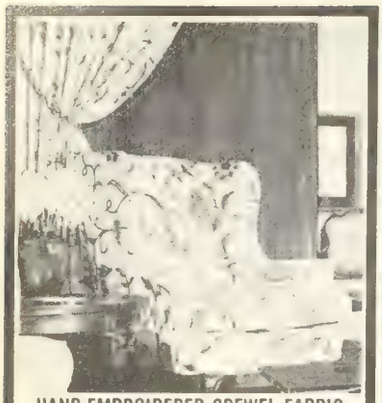
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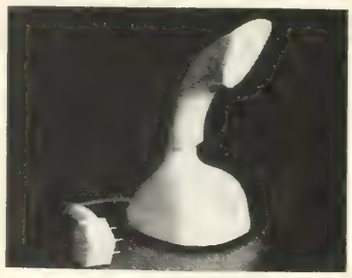
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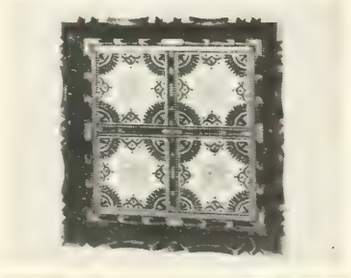
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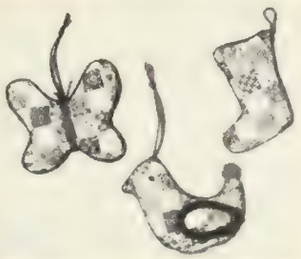
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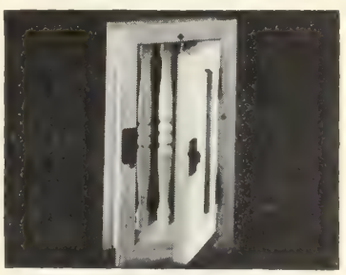
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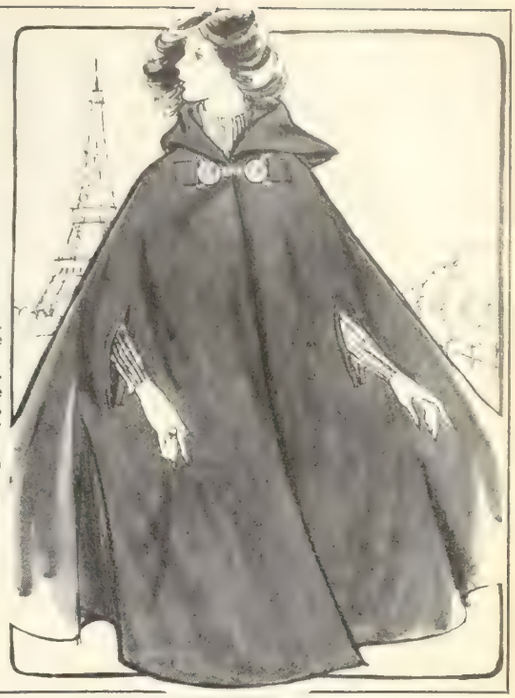
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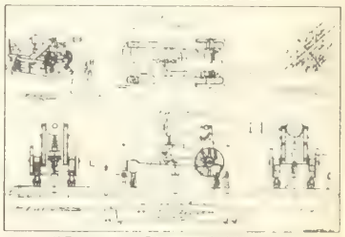
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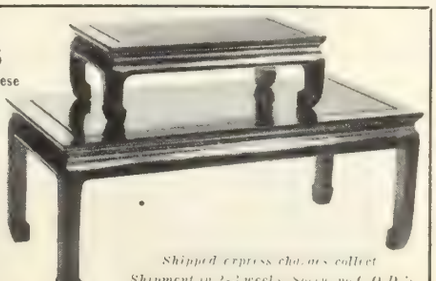
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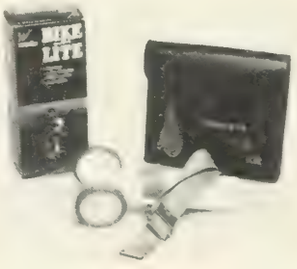
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All fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Wing chair, club chair, sofa, Plexiglas lamps and coffee table accessories, except obelisk, **Ridge-Hill Interior Design.** Antique end tables, **Bellport House Ltd.,** 164 South Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713. Alligator coffee table, **John Vesey Inc.*** Lamp, **Oriental Lamp-Shade Co.,** 810 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Crystal obelisk, **Tiffany & Co.,** 57th Street and Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C. 10022. Carpeting, **Phoenix Carpet Co. Inc.*** Palm trees, **Ed Stiffler Florist,** 308 E. 53rd St., N.Y.C. 10022.

Pages 72-79 Parkman

Entrance hall: Antique settee, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cope; fabric, **David & Dash Inc.*** Marble floor, gift of **Albre Marble Co.** Lighting fixture, **Louis Prince,** 73 Chestnut St., Boston 02108. Carpeting on stairs, **Philadelphia Carpet Co.** Sheraton chairs, loan from **The Museum of the American China Trade,** Milton, Mass. Case clock, loan from the **Royall House Society,** Medford, Mass.

Reception room: Empire sofa, gift of Mr. John Codman; fabric, **Stroheim & Romann.*** Writing table, "Old Dominion," Sheraton-style sofas, Hepplewhite-design sidechairs and "Old Dominion" console table, **Kittinger Co.** Fabric for chairs and sofas, **Stroheim & Romann.*** Drapery fabric, **David & Dash Inc.*; Scalamandré Silks Inc.*** Empire chandelier and accessories from **Louis Prince.** Paintings on both sides of fireplace, loan from **Vose Galleries of Boston Inc.,** 238 Newbury St., Boston 02116. French crystal chandelier, accessories, **Shreve, Crump & Low Co.,** 330 Boylston St., Boston 02116.

Dining room: Dining table and Chippendale ribbon-back chairs, **Kittinger Co.;** chair fabric, **Ramsona Fabrics Ltd.*** "Barton" sideboards, **Seybolt & Cleland Inc.,** 326 North 17th St., Philadelphia 19103. Contemporary Spanish rug, **Harry H. Arkelyan,** 67 Chestnut St., Boston 02108. Chinese scenic wallcovering, **Charles Gracie & Sons Inc.*** Drapery fabric by **F. Schumacher & Co.*** Centerpiece and accessories on mantel, **Shreve, Crump & Low.** Other accessories, **Louis Prince.** Painting, "On The River Loing" by Vinton, brass andirons, pair of wine coolers, pair of glaziers and épergne, all loans from **Museum of Fine Arts,** Boston. Mirror with marble-top console, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Good.

Drawing room: Custom-made sofa, club chair and ottomans, **Dolmar Upholstery Co.*;** fabric, **Kravet Fabrics.*** Three benches, **Wood & Hogan Inc.*;** fabric, **Stroheim & Romann.*** Reproduction Chinese console table and Chippendale ribbon-back chairs, **Kittinger Co.;** fabric, **Ramsona Fabrics Ltd.*** Upholstered arm chairs custom-made; suede, **J.H. Thorp & Co. Inc.*;** plaid fabric, **Henry Cassen Inc.*** Chinese lacquer chest, **Yatsuhashi Inc.,** 420 Boylston St., Boston 02116. Red lacquer chest, **La Provence de Pierre Deux,** 123 Newbury St., Boston 02116. Fabric on draped table and in draperies, **Payne & Co.** English Secretary bookcase, c. 1760, and 19th-century looking glass with painted scene and Rose medallion bowl, loans from the **Museum of Fine Arts,** Boston. Wallcovering fabric, **Norbar Fabrics;** lamination of wall covering, **Custom Laminations.*** French crystal chandelier and accessories, **Shreve, Crump & Low;** other accessories from **Louis Prince.** Contemporary painting by Arthur Deshaise, loan from **Art for Industry,** Boston. Mirror with marble-top console, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Good. Contemporary Spanish rug, gift of Harry H. Arkelyan. 18th-century sconces, gift from Arthur Phillips. Landscape painting, loan from **Vose Galleries of Boston Inc.**

Page 78—top: Chandelier from the original Parkman House. Antique mirror, **D. Fortiere.***

Master bedroom: Williamsburg reproduction tester bed, "Old Dominion" wing chair and writing table, **Kittinger Co.;** fabric on chair, **Barclay Fabrics Co. Inc.** Fabric on round table, **Payne & Co.;** trim, **Stroheim & Romann.*** William Pitt chair, **Wood & Hogan Inc.;** fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Loveseat, gift of Mrs. Samuel Huntington. Drapery material, tester and dust ruffle, **Fortuny Inc.*** Bedspread, **Arthur H. Lee & Jofa Inc.*** Silk wallcovering, **Katzenbach & Warren.*** "Zinnia" carpet, **Spring Mills Inc.** Lacquer chest, **La Provence de Pierre Deux.** Antique Empire mirror, loan from the **Royal House Society,** Medford, Mass. Accessories, **Shreve, Crump & Low,** and **Louis Prince.** Contemporary painting by Jack Wolfe, loan from **Art for Industry,** Boston. Painting, "The Birches" by William L. Metcalf, loan from the **Museum of Fine Arts,** Boston.

Bedroom—page 78 center and page 79: Twin beds, *faux* bamboo chairs, and accessory table, **Kittinger Co.** Custom-made chaise, **Dolmar Upholstery Co.*;** fabric and wallpaper, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Fabric on bamboo chairs, **Peter Schneider & Sons Co. Inc.*** Fabric for draperies and skirt on round table, **Clarence House.*** Mahogany linen press, c. 1790, and painting, "Trees and Hills" by Rouvre, loans from the **Museum of**



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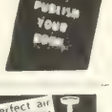
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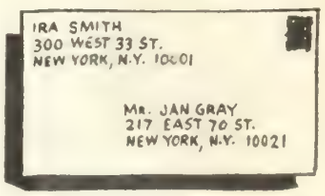
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Pages 80-85—Vichey

Construction and equipment: General contractor, **Northport Glass Inc.,** East Northport, N.Y. 11731. Air-conditioning, **Lehigh Air Conditioning Co. Inc.** Electrician, **Maverick,** Elmhurst, N.Y. Carpeting, **Patterson, Flynn & Johnson.** Mirrors, **Northport Glass Inc.** Padded walls, **Fritz Bittorf Upholsterer,** 479 New York Ave., Huntington, N.Y. 11743.
Living room: Steel tables, **Marie Pergay,** Paris, France. Couches upholstered by **Atelier Sidler*;** fabric, **Scalamandré Silks Inc.** Vinyl on wall panels, **Gilford Inc.** Suga silk on pillows, **Jack Lenor Larsen.*** Lights, **Luten-Clarey-Stern Inc.*** Fireplace made by **Northport Glass Inc.**
Dining room: Chairs, **Atelier International Ltd.;** fabric, **Scalamandré Silks Inc.*** Polished chrome strips on wall, **Fritz Bittorf Upholsterer.** Brushed-steel Mylar paper, **Wall Trends Inc.*** Silk on walls. **Jack Lenor Larsen.*** Lights, **Harry Gitlin.** Table settings, **Venini Ltd.*** Candlesticks, **Bonniers Inc.,** 605 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.
Den: Wall fabric made to order by **Laverne Originals.*** Lamp, **Luten-Clarey-Stern Inc.*** Glass table, **Bloomingdales,** Lexington Avenue and 59th Street, N.Y.C. 10022. Heavy-duty Mylar vertical blinds, **Al Burkhardt Custom Shade Co.*** Pillows, **Atelier Sidler;*** fabric, **Clarence House.*** Green armchair, **Atelier International Inc.*** Beige armchair, **John Mascheroni;*** fabric, **Jack Lenor Larsen.*** Vases, **Venini Ltd.*;** Ashtrays, **Willie Rizzo,** Rome, Italy.
Terrace: Doors and stucco work, **Northport Glass Inc.** Furniture, **Brown Jordan Co.** Plants, **Rosedale Nurseries,** Saw Mill River Rd. Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532. Landscape consultant, **Lois Scherr.**

Pages 86-91—Designer

The items on the following list are available through selected **JC Penney** stores and custom decorating departments. For information on nearest store, write Dolores Jones, **JCPenney,** 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10019. *Page 86:* "East Lake" fabric for sofa, valance, draperies and pillows, "Jasmine" fabric on swivel tub chairs, wallpaper, rug, yellow basket lamp, crystal ashtrays and copper milk can. *Page 88—top:* Chrome table bases with glass top, "Babson" blue draperies, lamp shades over table, unpainted dining chairs with vinyl seats, Pennsylvania Dutch-style rug, accessories on shelves and table setting. *Bottom:* Convertible sofa slipcovered in "Crossroads" natural fabric with red welting, "Moonglow" woven-wood blinds, Turkish-style ottoman and chair upholstered in "Emperor's Green" fabric, wallpaper, "Scottish Shades" carpet, étagère, low shelf unit, "Nu Dimensions" armchair, accessories on étagère, smoking accessories, television set, stereo, accessories in bookcase unit, tinware document box, hunting prints. *Page 90—top left:* Shower curtain, "Emperor's Garden" fabric and wallpaper, towels, bathmat, Vogue magazine cover reproduction, glass jars and pewter vases. *Top center:* "Melissa" fabric for shower curtain and shade, "Royal Garden" towels and carpet, graphic. *Bottom:* Wallpaper, hourglass door curtain and shirred window curtain. *Top right and page 91:* "Melissa" chair fabric, wallpaper, bed hangings, dust ruffle and canopy, "Sunbeam" fabric in almond for padded headboard and in magenta for bedspread, mirror, lamp, accessories on dresser, white wicker storage chest, plant holder, bedside lamps, "Royal Garden" carpet, Picasso prints and graphic.

The following items are available through the **JCPenney** mail-order catalogue: Parsons table and cocktail table in living room; unpainted campaign chests and desks and ladderback chairs; basket and pewter mug in study; elephant wicker hamper; all accessories on page 90, bottom. All upholstering and architectural changes by the **JCPenney Custom Decorating Department.**
Other items: Ceramic cat and porcelain animals in bathrooms and Japanese lacquer box in living room, **Objets Plus Inc.*** Fireplace screen, **Seguin Mirror & Brass Inc.*** Fireplace accessories, **Danny Alessandro.*** Mirror in living room, **That Special Something.***

Pages 96-99—Rocky site

Construction and equipment: Contractor, **William A. Kelley & Co. Inc.,** Katonah, N.Y. 10536. Structural engineer, **Wolchuk & Mayrbaurl,** N.Y.C. Interiors and landscaping, **Mayers-Schiff.** Lighting, **Century Strand Inc.** Sliding doors by **Arcadia,** division of **Northrup Architectural Systems.** Blinds by **Levolor Lorentzen Inc.**
Living room: Upholstered furniture, **Atelier International Inc.*** Cushions in alcove, **Foam-Tex Inc.,** 51 E. 21st St., N.Y.C. 10010; fabric, **Boris Kroll Fabrics Inc.*** Coffee table and rolling cabinet designed by **Mayers-Schiff,** made by **Intrex Inc.*** Fireplace, **Heatilator,** division of **Vega Industries Inc.** Rug designed by John Schiff and made by **Edward Fields Inc.**
Dining room: Chairs, **International Contract Furnishings Inc.*** Table, **Beylerian Ltd.***
Study: Sofa, **International Contract Furnishings Inc.**
Kitchen: Stools along counter, **Vecta Casual Furniture.**

Pages 100-101—Accessories

Retail sources: **Chrystian Aubusson Inc.,** 160A E. 55th St., N.Y.C. 10022. **Christopher Chodoff Antiques,** 127 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. **Nuri Farhadi Inc.* Richard V. Hare Inc.,** 143 E. 55th St., N.Y.C. 10022. **John Lewis,** 328 E. 59th St., N.Y.C. 10021. **Limited Additions Inc.,** 962 Third Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. **Joseph Lombardo,** 150 E. 55th St., N.Y.C. 10022. **Frank Milton,** by appointment,

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Pages 107-109—Bromeliads

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Pages 110-115—Four-posters

Page 110: Linens, **D. Porthault Inc.,** 57 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. "Toile d' Vence" print, 100% linen, and cotton lining, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Antique leather screen and end tables, **Stair & Co.,** 59 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Floor handpainted by Luis Malino, **The Malino Studio.***
Page 111: Print fabric, **Clarence House.*** Geometric print, **Hannett-Morrow-Fischer Inc.*** All other fabrics, **Stroheim & Romann.*** Trimmings, **Conso Products Co.*** Carpet, **Vogue Carpet Corp.*** Chairs, **Hofstatter's Sons Inc.*** Antique chests, **Berkley Furniture Galleries of London Inc.,** 899 First Ave., N.Y.C. 10017. Chinese basket lamps, **That Special Something Inc.*** Fireplace accessories, **Danny Alessandro Ltd.*** Needlepoint and bargello, **Diane Russell & Associates Inc.** Bed by **The Simmons Co.** Paintings, **The Eric Galleries.***
Page 112—top: Covering for walls and ceiling, **Nancy McClelland Inc.*** Check fabric, **Blue River Handprints Inc.*** Plaid and cotton taffeta fabrics, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Bed, **Ronald Bricke & Associates Inc.** Chairs, antique. *Bottom left:* Painting of canopy bed, **Otto Vondrak,** 30 E. 10th St., N.Y.C. 10003. Printed bed fabric, **Clarence House*;** backdrop and chair fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Upholsterer, **Anthony De Carlo Upholsterers.*** Rug, **Stark Carpet Co.*** Chair, **The Furniture Specialities.*** Wallpaper, **Richard Thibaut.*** Lamp shade at **Ruth Vitow.*** Lamp, **Nuri Farhadi Inc.*** Flowers, **Robert Webb Inc.,** 900 First Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. *Middle:* Canfield sofa, **Henry B. Urban Inc.*** Sofa, drapery, shade, bedspread and headboard fabrics, **Far Eastern Fabrics Inc.*;** workmanship, **Jules Edlin.*** Carpet, **Patterson, Flynn & Johnson Inc.*** "Shelley Plaid" wallpaper, **First Editions Wallcoverings Inc.** Japanese lacquer chest, 18th-century, **Matthew Schutz Ltd.,** 1025 Park Ave., N.Y.C. 10028. Art Deco bed and Shagreen lamp designed by **Robert Metzger.** Bone armchair, **Burgin Ltd.*** Lucite floor lamp, **Les Prismatiques Inc.*** Lampshades, **Siegman-Ambro Inc.*** Blue Chinese vases, **John Rosselli,** 255 E. 72nd St., N.Y.C. 10021. Steel plaque, **Kornblee Gallery,** 58 E. 79th St., N.Y.C. 10021. Quilting, **Guild Needle Crafts Inc.*** Flowers and plants, **The Fernery,** 1198 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10028.
Page 113: Chair fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Panel fabric hanging on bed, **Bloomingdale's,** 59th Street and Lexington Avenue, N.Y.C. 10022.
Page 114—top: All furniture, **C. J. Ashton Interiors.*** All fabrics and wallcoverings, **Hinson & Co. Wallpapers Inc.*** Bedspread executed by **Flair Drapery and Bedspread Corp.*** Wallpaper executed by **Joseph Sacks,** 18-40 211th St., Bayside, N.Y. 11361. All accessories, **John-Lewis Antiques.*** Rug, **Harmony Carpet Co.*** Painting, **Mitch Morse Gallery Inc.*** Plant arrangement, **Ed Stiffler,** 308 E. 53rd St., N.Y.C. 10022. Flowers, **Robert Webb Inc.** *Bottom:* Wall fabric, textured linen by Calvin of San Francisco, **Katzenbach & Warren Inc.*** Carpet, **Stark Carpet Corp.*** Bed, **Roundtree Country Reproductions Inc.*** Chair and ottoman fabric, **Boussac of France Inc.*** Chinese silk hanging, **Karl Mann Assocs. Inc.*** Glass-and-brass drum table, **John Vesey Inc.*** All flowers are from **Robert Webb Inc.**
Page 115—top: "Strawberry Delight" sheets, pillow cases and blanket, **Fieldcrest Industries.** Quilt, **Mountain Artisans,** 14 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Television, **Magnavox Co.** All furniture, "Circa '76," and all accessories, **Henredon Furniture Industries.** *Bottom left:* Bar Harbor writing table in back study area, Marrakesh ottomans, upholstered mirror, Art Nouveau lamp with shade, découpage lamp with shade, Plexiglass bed environment, **William L. Designs Inc.*** Apothecary dresser, **Roundtree Country Reproductions.*** Plaid vinyl floor, **Eden Manufacturing Corp.*;** floor installation by **Floor Trends Inc.*** Fabrics and wallpapers, **Quadrille Wallpaper.*** Window treatment, **Window Modes-Weavers Domain Inc.*** Daybed, **Avery Boardman.*** Wicker chair, **Bielecky Brothers Inc.*** Lucite-and-glass table, **Cy Mann Designs Ltd.*** Lucite accessories and chrome floor lamp, **Albrizzi Inc.*** Lucite chair, **Luten-Clarey-Stern Inc.*** Mirror work, **I. Schwartz Mirror Co. Inc.*** Rug, **Harmony Carpet Corp.*** Doll sculptures by David Strauss, **A Touch of Whimsy,** 1054 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Plants, **King Exotic Plants Inc.,** 1360 Second Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Flower arrangement, **George Cothran Flowers,** 238 E. 60th St., N.Y.C. 10021. *Bottom right:* Carpet, **Stark Carpet Corp.*** Walls, **Groundworks Inc.*** Fabric for bedspread, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Drapery fabric, **Far Eastern Fabrics Inc.*** Drapery workroom, **Rose Eisenstat.*** Night table, **Serge & Mario Inc.***

Pages 116-119—Cipullo

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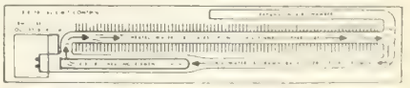
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Using this strategy, every other model (with the exception of one or two) who faithfully followed it for ten days *lost ten big pounds—to start!* Another (a perfectionist) went from 133 to 97 pounds! Another, who was bottom-heavy, not only shed ugly pounds all over her body—*but spot-exercised the flab right off her bottom so perfectly that she now does bathing suit ads!*

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And glasses are out too! Weak eyes, aging eyes, dull eyes can cost a model her career! *These top models believe that most women take to spectacles simply because of lazy eye muscles, just as most women take to girdles because of lazy body muscles!* And if you want to escape the "eye-glass-prison"—perhaps far faster than you've ever dreamed—check page 68 the moment you get this book!

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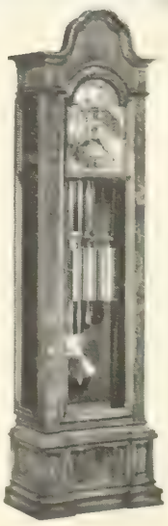
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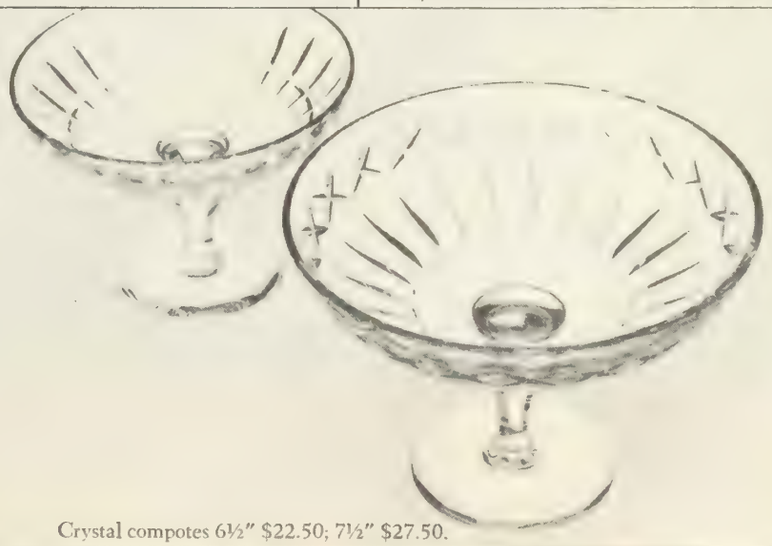
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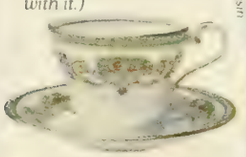


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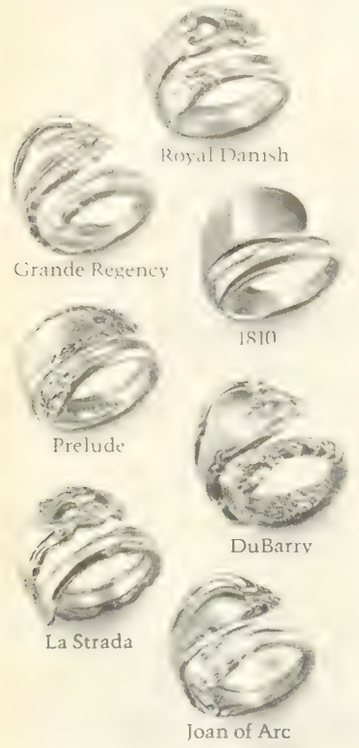
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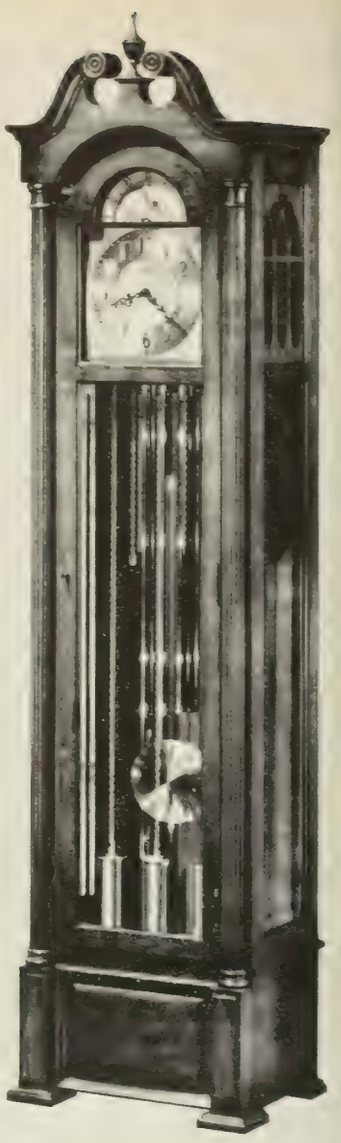
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HOW TO CLEAN A ROOM

& other dubious housekeeping pleasures

By MARION GOUGH □ One of my favorite heroines of song and story is Gertie Straub, buxom, genial and bibulous maid-servant in the boyhood household of James Thurber. In *My Life and Hard Times* he recounts Gertie's 2 a.m. return from a dancing party, waking the family as she reeled through the living room upsetting the furniture. "Who's down there?" demanded Mrs. Thurber from her bedroom upstairs. "It's me, dearie," said Gertie. "What are you *doing*?" "Dusting," said Gertie.

In these feminist days when most women would as soon be called typhoid carriers as "dandy little housekeepers," as the old encomium used to go, those in the know claim that many of us, upright, cold sober and in broad daylight, hardly do more than emulate Gertie as we stumble through the cleaning chores that are supposed to result in a fitting habitation. Yet the housecleaning arm of household management, no matter how prettily it may be euphemized as "domestic hygiene" or "household sanitation"—and no matter how much we wish it would go away—is still with us. I say it's dirty work and would also like to add the-you-know-what with it—except that experience indicates that it can't be wished away. And one of the sorrier facts of life remains that no matter how many miracle mops and electrical wizards are supposed to be our silent servants and despite all those easy-does-it sprays and polishes and powders with the four-letter names, our presence and active participation are still demanded on the job.

There has to be a knack to this and that, according to those whose floors you could eat off, is to learn and follow an orderly procedure. So, yielding to none in my personal abomination of housework, I have lately done a little research into the *modus operandi* for cleaning a room, drawing upon the expertise of some professional cleaning women and some neat-as-a-pin types of my acquaintance who do their own house work.

Here, then, is offered our step-by-step procedural form for thoroughly cleaning a room as painlessly and—you should excuse the expression—as intelligently as possible so that you're not dirtying up in the second step what you've just cleaned in the first. And it goes without saying that no one would perform this entire routine every cleaning day, but the principle of following logical steps is here.

1. Open the windows, top and bottom. They say most household dust won't hurt you if you don't breathe it directly.
2. Dust and remove small ornaments and bibelots to the kitchen or to whatever watering trough where you will later wash or polish them thoroughly.
3. Pull feasibly pullable furniture out from the walls.
4. Roll up and remove small rugs. Turn back the edges of large rugs from the walls. How smart to have wall-to-wall carpeting at a worrisome time like this.
5. Brush ceilings, walls, doors, baseboards. Work from the top down.
6. Dust windows, window shades, window sills and radiators.
7. Soft-brush or vacuum draperies and curtains. Pay attention to the top.
8. Brush and vacuum upholstered furniture. The meticulous now cover it with sheets or shroud it in plastic.
9. Dust the pictures and mirrors.
10. Clean out the fireplace.
11. Sweep up the floor, using a firm, restrained stroke so as not to create a dust storm as you go through the room.
12. Dust and polish wood or metal furniture (see note below).
13. Wash the windows.
14. Clean chandeliers, lamps and light bulbs. Replace dead bulbs.
15. Wash mirrors and damp-wipe and polish glass surfaces, as on table tops and pictures.
16. Polish the floor.
17. Vacuum the floor coverings.
18. Clean that bric-a-brac and put it back in its place. Neatness counts.
19. Fall down on the sofa, but only after you've removed those plastic sheets and closed the windows.

There seems to be some controversy over what point in the ritual one should polish the furniture. In our house, it was always done after the vacuuming, my mother's theory being that our vintage Hoover was likely (*Continued on page 20*)



One can always look to Finland for a show-stopper at the Scandinavian Furniture Fair. This year it was Eero Aarnio's floor animal, dubbed "Mustang," for Asko, at Stendig.

SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN FIRSTS

By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN □ Just as our colleagues in fashion travel each year to the couture and ready-to-wear showings in Paris and Rome, we in design travel, when we can, to the major furniture shows in Milan, Cologne and Copenhagen. (Change being much slower in furniture, many trips aren't as necessary in our field.) Milan is where the imaginative Italians show off their latest experiments (definitely waning in the last few years); Cologne has a very large international assortment; but it is Copenhagen's Scandinavian Furniture Fair where we see quality and consistency . . . and now and then a few new trends as well. For example, this year's most-copied design was the Innovator chair introduced by Sweden's Johan Huldt and Jan Dranger a few seasons back. Although no one likes copying, this series of chairs comprised of brightly enameled tubes holding comfortable (*Continued on page 20*)

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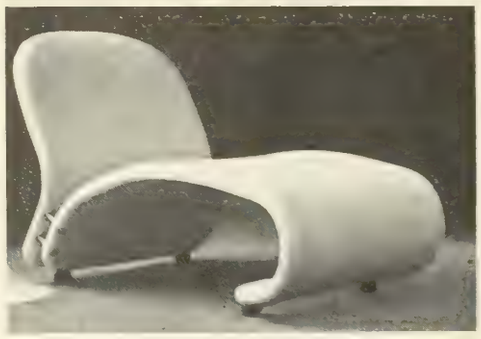
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cushions on stretched canvas was logical to copy. It is attractive, quite inexpensive and should fill a welcome niche here (original will be at The Workbench stores). Other favorites were from Finland: Asko's ("Mustang" floor animal by Eero Aarnio (see *page 16*) at Stendig; plus new additions to the Palaset storage system at Design Research and to the Haimi chair collection at Turner Ltd. Favorites from Denmark: Verner Panton's versatile chair system for Fritz Hansen (see *below*), which can satisfy a multitude of seating functions by a change of fabric, finish and detailing on a basic metal frame. Also outstanding is Panton's incredibly varied coordinated textile and rug collection in a deep, rich color palette, Mira-X, at Unika-Vaev. The news at



Verner Panton's comfortable chaise is part of his flexible chair system for Fritz Hansen of Denmark. The fabrics, also by Panton, are from the Mira-X collection at Unika-Vaev.

Cado, besides its new center (see *page 32*), was all of the new seating and storage plus the addition of the classic Interna collection of natural canvas and pine, under the Cado name. Also elegant in its simplicity, the Fuglsang collection of hand-rubbed pine chairs, desks, beds and tables. From Sweden: Besides Huldt and Dranger, the rest of the excitement came from Dux (through Moreddi) with the Supertube lighting fixtures in bright enameled colors and Bruno Mathsson's new chrome bed for super-shiny sleeping.

CLEANING

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to emit invisible displaced matter" while it cleaned the rugs. But modern equipment being what it is, I am assured that this cannot happen unless you've forgotten to empty the dust bag—or have forgotten the bag entirely.

All housekeeping pundits subscribe to the use-your-head-to-save-your-feet philosophy, and so recommend assembling all your cleaning materials on the scene before you tackle the job. Carrying small cleaning paraphernalia in a basket or tote bag cuts down on sprinting back and forth. If you move movable furniture out or sequester it in one end of the room before you start, you can avoid tiresome slithering in and out, over and under furniture while you work. Another strength-conserving aphorism; try not to have to handle anything more than once, especially if it's bulky.

All agree that every room should get a conscientious overhaul once a week, but say that a daily pick-up-as-you-go policy makes the big chore less arduous. They recommend a daily dry mopping of floors and carpet sweeping of crumbs or light litter on rugs. Spot-clean stains on upholstery or rugs and murky marks on woodwork as soon as they occur. It helps to keep things looking presentable if you cultivate the habit of tidying up promptly, hanging up clothes, washing dishes, straightening bureau and table tops. You'll also be ahead of the game if you practice a little surface grooming the last thing every night—empty ashtrays, plump up cushions, put away records and magazines, throw out waste paper.

Most honest hostesses will admit that before a big party they go through a bigger than usual housecleaning hassle. A word from a practical friend: Clean the bathroom first. It's the only place the guests are ever alone long enough to examine your housekeeping in detail. Also your medicine cabinet. And don't pretend you don't care what they think. (*Continued on page 24*)



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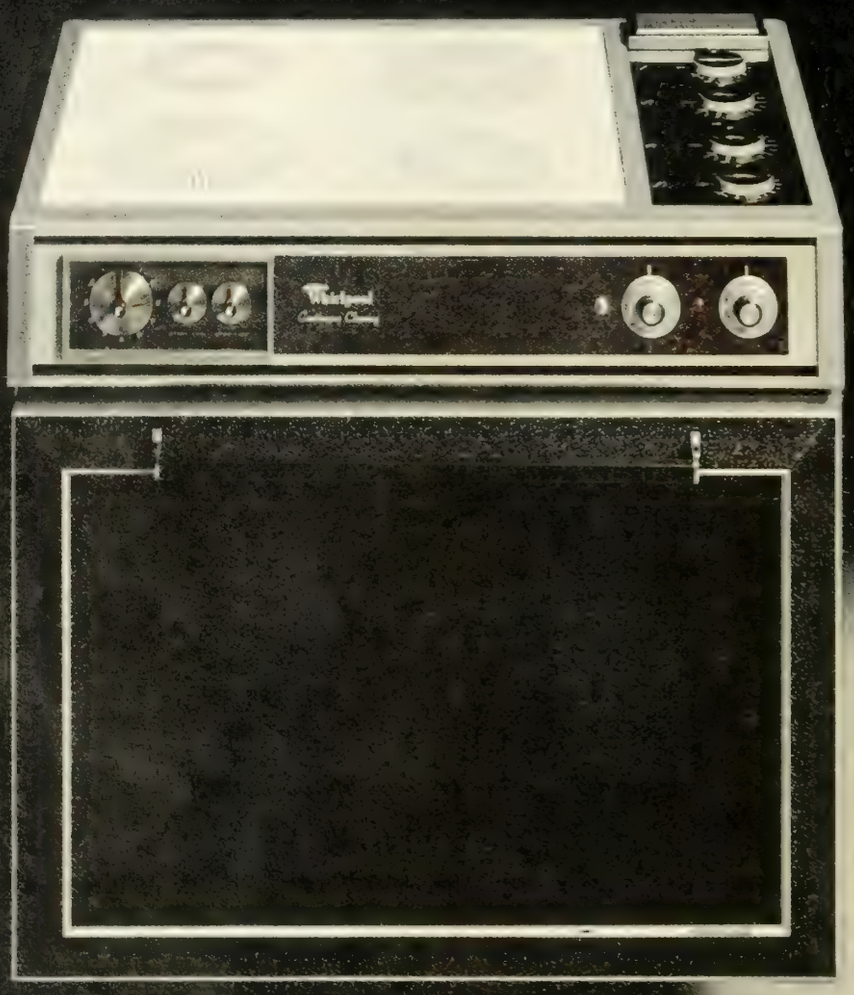
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You may ask why, in this piece of scholarly research, I have not referred to the all-time encyclopedia of earnest chatelaines, *Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management*, published in London in 1861 when the redoubtable Isabella Beeton was a mere 25. (Revised edition, 1960. Frederick Warne & Co. $12.50.) I refer right now to this 1,112-page, fine-type volume, written from a stern but honest heart (she had seen so much familial misery, so many husbands larking off to their clubs and taverns because of poor home cooking and sloppy housewifery.) She felt constrained to address every possible household contingency from Accidents to Yorkshire pudding. Leafing through for some advice on housecleaning, somewhere between a recipe for Boiled Calf's Udder and "The Rearing, Etc. of Children," I came to a section on the duties of a household staff. Passing over the butler, footman, lady's maid and housemaid, I latched onto "The Duties of the Maid of All Work," whose role would seem to be more akin to that of us modern housepersons. You think you have trouble! This gal was up at six and before her mistress descended to the breakfast table had (1) brushed down the stairs, (2) scattered wet tea leaves on the dining room carpet to lay the dust, (3) swept the carpet and tea leaves in the direction of the fireplace, (4) cleaned up the grate, neatly and noiselessly, (5) blacked the stove, using Mrs. B.'s excellent recipe for stove blacking, (6) laid a fire, (7) dusted the furniture, (8) set the table, (9) boiled the water, (10) washed her hands and face and put on a clean apron, and was then ready to prepare the family's bacon, kidney and fish. Out of sheer empathetic fatigue I cannot go on to relate her major chores of the day. Let me simply say that Mrs. Beeton adheres to the open window policy in cleaning a room and feels that all furniture should be pulled into the center of the room before the work begins. She prescribes a mixture of linseed oil, turpentine, vinegar and spirits of wine (whatever that is) as a furniture polish, and finds that excellent silver-polishing cloths result if you boil the tops of cotton stockings in new milk and hartshorn powder (whatever *that* is). I bring this tome to the attention of all those who prefer to do things the hard way. Also to the attention of those who share my resentment that eternal housecleaning seems to be the price of decency, because it will make that 19-point program of mine seem like a summer's day in a hammock.

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Long before Women's Lib burst upon the public scene, groups of women across the country sought to help others who were housebound and in need of financial assistance. The Women's Exchanges retailed items or offered services consignors could accomplish at home—needlework, handicrafts, gourmet foods. Many of these exchanges, under volunteer leadership, still exist; a few are approaching their 100-year mark and continue to provide a useful two-way function. Some are thriving and others maintain small operations. Much depends on availability of persons who perform a range of tasks, and most would like to enlarge their consignor lists. In addition to those with the specialties mentioned below, almost all sell home-made food and accept party orders.—JEAN BAKER

CONNECTICUT

West Hartford 06107, **The Woman's Exchange,** 993A Farmington Ave.—mends and launders linens; a special order item: hand-made battery-run clocks decorated to customer's taste, small ones cost $45 and large ones $75.

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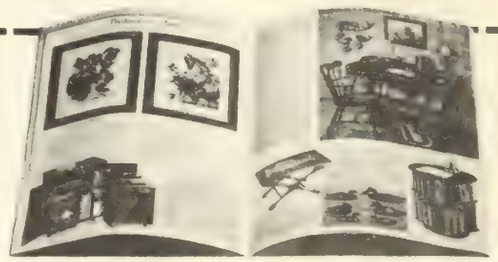
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North Andover 01845, **The Hay Scales Exchange Inc.,** 2 Johnson St.—makes cut lamp shades to order; specialty: handmade painted furniture—benches, chests, coffee tables; party delicacies; no mail orders on furniture.

MISSOURI

St. Louis 63124, **The Woman's Exchange,** 9214 Clayton Rd.—takes special orders for hand-decorated antique trunks, old school desks, wastebaskets, tissue boxes, custom quilts, pillows in ribbon or patchwork, doll house furniture and toys.

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Flemington 08822, **The Hunterdon Exchange,** 155 Main St.—specialty: placemats—patchwork, hand-quilted patch pattern, checks (one color and white) hand-quilted; customer may choose dominating color.

Little Silver 07739, **Woman's Exchange of Monmouth County,** 32 Church St.—provides needlepoint service; recovers and rebinds blankets and quilts; specialties—children's and doll's furniture, gingerbread house for Christmas, $7.50; mail orders filled on small items.

NEW YORK

New York 10022, **New York Exchange for Woman's Work,** 541 Madison Ave.—performs a wide variety of services and special-order handwork: launders and mends fine linen; restores and recovers comforters; restores antique fans; makes and launders starched, crocheted placemats; custom work: lace tablecloths, quilts in authentic patterns, new comforters, small petit point and needlepoint rugs, parchment lamp shades, decoupage; decorates antique trunks; repairs hooked rugs; personalized presents: wedding and birth announcements preserved, watercolors of home painted from photograph; will try to fill a request if craftsman is not already on list; no mail order—not equipped to handle correspondence; telephone or come in person.

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Scarsdale 10583, **The Scarsdale Woman's Exchange,** 33 Harwood Ct.—makes to order bedspreads, pillows, crocheted and starched placemats, tole trays; launders fine linen; accepts mail orders; but items must be picked up.

NORTH CAROLINA

Pinehurst 28374, **Sandhills Woman's Exchange**—open October through April; specialties of the region: baskets, mats and trays handcrafted of pine straw; pine kindling bundles; noted for their french fried peanuts.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia 19103, **Philadelphia Exchange,** 109 S. 18th St.—specialty: crewel work to order.

Pittsburgh 15222, **Woman's Industrial Exchange,** 541 Penn Ave.—maintains needlepoint service; food specialties.

Wayne 19087, **Woman's Exchange of the Neighborhood League,** 185 Lancaster Ave.—does fine mending: table cloths, hooked rugs; monogramming.

letters

I really enjoy each issue of HB; I look forward to it each month and have borrowed many ideas from it. I have also purchased many hard-to-find items from Window Shopping: that's an excellent section.—Mrs. H.W., Villanova, Pa.

I must admit that I couldn't live with some of the rooms you show but it is fun to see what other people can do. I myself would like to see homes that have smaller rooms and lower ceilings. My home has 7'6" ceilings, which is low (*Continued*)



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in comparison to the rooms you show. I also would like to see homes from the Midwest area. Remember, there are a lot of us on limited budgets that have champagne tastes.—D.E.H., Chicago Heights, Ill.

I have been a subscriber and an admirer of your magazine for many years. I consider House Beautiful a most authoritative and esthetic reference to gracious living.—K.E., Rock Island, Ill.

Just finished reading William Hoffer's "No-Energy Weekend Experiment" in the May issue. I'll bet you use a dimmer switch to save energy! Or was that 65° only for the one weekend? But really, *powdered* milk (and orange drink?) and *canned* soup? Do you really still use a power can opener and toothbrush every day? Where have you been all year? We are too well informed to be amused. Is your whole staff as ignorant as Mr. Hoffer? I can't believe you'd print such a farce. Chattering teeth, indeed!—M.B.J., Olympia, Wash.

I love to look through your magazine and dream of all the lovely houses. I have one problem, though. In almost all the rooms, you use plants extensively but only rarely do you give us the names of them. I have seen many that I would like to try to use but I can't identify them. Would it be possible to have a page that would be keyed to the pictures if there is not room in the descriptions with the pictures?—P.S.Y., Snow Hill, Md.

The table setting for the "Captain's Table" in the June issue of HB is charming. I was particularly taken with the patchwork quilt by Suttles & Seawinds. I seldom have an opportunity to see your magazine, but after this issue I'll make sure to see it more often.—J.D.Q., Peekskill, N.Y.

I love you dearly and when you love something it's your right to make a few suggestions. Why don't you have a gourmet-cook corner that skips steps so a hostess can have a real smash party from the freezer and with preplanning? In this age of little or no help, a grand party, good food and decor are difficult without spending a fortune. I don't mean budget-idea parties. Great food is an art, but gourmet food can be made easy and enjoyable for the hostess who uses her freezer. At the end of each recipe, why not mark how many days ahead the dish can be made if it can be frozen.—L.P., Elkins Park, Pa.

Thanks for giving us such a beautiful magazine. I hope you will continue to do so for many years. Paper, colors, print, content, all are wonderful. I have been saving mine.—H.H., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

crafts

New projects for the house abound. There's plenty around for all ages . . . needlework for display, sewing to perk up the den or some thoughts toward getting a jump on the holidays.

To get you started on new craft horizons, here are some ideas. Tablet Weaving by Skil-Craft is one new kit that preserves an ancient craft and is ideal for beginners—easy and not space consuming. The kit contains an 80-page book, *Step-by-Step Tablet Weaving* (Golden Press) and all the materials needed to make a pouch bag: 30 pre-cut weaving tablets, a shuttle, 17 balls of cotton yarn. Available nationally, about $13.

Other kit news from Skil-Craft: Open Work Embroidery includes all materials for two placemats and matching napkins; in natural colors with threads of rust, off-white and taupe; about $13. Bargello has materials to make a handbag, and offers Golden Press's *Step-by-Step Bargello* in the kit; about $13. In Nuts & Bolts Sculpture kits, $6.50 each, you assemble an antique bicycle in one; two antique cars in the other. Nuts, bolts, nails and other hardware are the pieces.

Another company, Craft Master, has recently introduced needlecraft kits. Now on the market are crewel and (*Continued*)

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Sewing projects for children who have never picked up a needle come from To-Sew. Developed for the 9-to-14-year-old group, To-Sew presents a fast, enjoyable method of teaching basic sewing techniques. The company offers a book written for children, *Learn To-Sew* ($2.25), patterns for 10 animal pillows ($1 each) and a kit ($4.40), which includes pattern, fabric, needle and instructions. A color brochure, 10 cents, shows the different animal patterns available. Write: To-Sew, P.O. Box 974, Malibu, Calif. 90265. All prices are postpaid.

If you want to shop at home for sewing and needlework materials, General Foods Consumer Center has introduced two services. Creative Village Fabrizaar offers subscribers four seasonal booklets containing fabric swatches and pattern and accessory suggestions for clothing and furnishings. Stitchery Showcase has four editions, too, each a catalogue in color for projects to make at home, including macrame, quilting and appliqué. Subscribers can call toll-free for needlework advice. Each subscription service is $5 a year. Write: Creative Village, 1112 Seventh Ave., Monroe, Wis. 53566.

Some thoughts for Christmas: Liberty Village, a recreation of an 18th-century Revolutionary village, now offers a catalogue ($1) of many reasonably priced items, perfect for Christmas giving. The pages show many handmade objects in a traditional vein, such as reproductions of Early American blown glass and hand-dipped candles. Write or visit: Liberty Village, 2 Church St., Flemington, N.J. 08822.

From Sign of the Bee comes an engagement calendar for 1975, illustrated with needlepoint projects for each month. Clear line drawings and instructions are included with each design. Written by Nancy Noland Kurten and illustrated by Barry Williams, the calendar is available through stores nationally or by mail for $4.50 postpaid from Sign of the Bee Inc., 13030 Conway Rd., St. Louis 63141.

Decorations, gifts and recipes are suggested in a clever spiral-bound Christmas book, published and compiled by the Junior League of the City of Washington Inc. The ideas in **Think Christmas* are planned for making Christmas personal and sparkling without spending lots of money. Decorations include tabletop ideas (candlesticks out of old jars, for example), miniature trees (from popcorn, macaroni, starfish) and a family advent calendar. The authors had help with ideas, recipes and directions from some of Washington's leading citizens and groups. The Mexican Embassy, for example, tells how to make a piñata. All suggestions have been tested by the Junior League. The book sells for $3.50 plus 40 cents for mailing from: **Think Christmas*, P.O. Box 9626, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Other events for fall . . . the second annual fall show of handcrafts, The Great River Roads Craft Fair, Natchez, Miss., set for Oct. 11, 12 and 13 . . . The Goldsmith, a stunning exhibition of rings, body sculpture, containers and decorative pieces now at the Minnesota Museum of Art in St. Paul until Dec. 29.

—ANNE OGDEN

design

As if there weren't already a dozen reasons for the American tourist interested in modern furniture to visit Copenhagen, now there's a brand new and very exciting one. The entire production of Royal System, System Abstracta and the Cado factories throughout Denmark can now be viewed in the newly renovated Student's Association on Hans Christian Andersen Boulevard in the heart of downtown Copenhagen. Called the Cado Center, it is probably the only place where the consumer can see under one roof everything made by Poul Cadovius' furniture empire.

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—SUSAN GRANT LEWIN



A spite fence? The law defines a spite fence as a structure erected and maintained for the sole purpose of shutting out an adjoining landowner's access to light, air or view. The motives behind such a fence must be strictly malicious and must serve the builder no useful purpose.

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Imagine six covered wagons pulled together, ends touching at a center point, chassis splayed out like spokes of a wheel. This is the form of an all-plastic modular house presently built and erected in Mexico. Not unattractive at all, the six-module house was designed by Architect Juan Jose Diaz Infante for sugar field workers and their families. A minimum house, with bath and kitchen, sold last year in Mexico for under $4,000. The largest star-shaped model sells for less than $10,000. Fiber-glass-reinforced polyester forms the outer and inner skins of the house shell; foamed polyurethane fills the inner wall cavity. Many U.S. producers have tried the modular housing path and many have failed. Interesting that a similar operation in Mexico thrives. Architect Diaz has made several attempts to market his design here, but so far, to no avail. However, at last word, he intends to keep trying.

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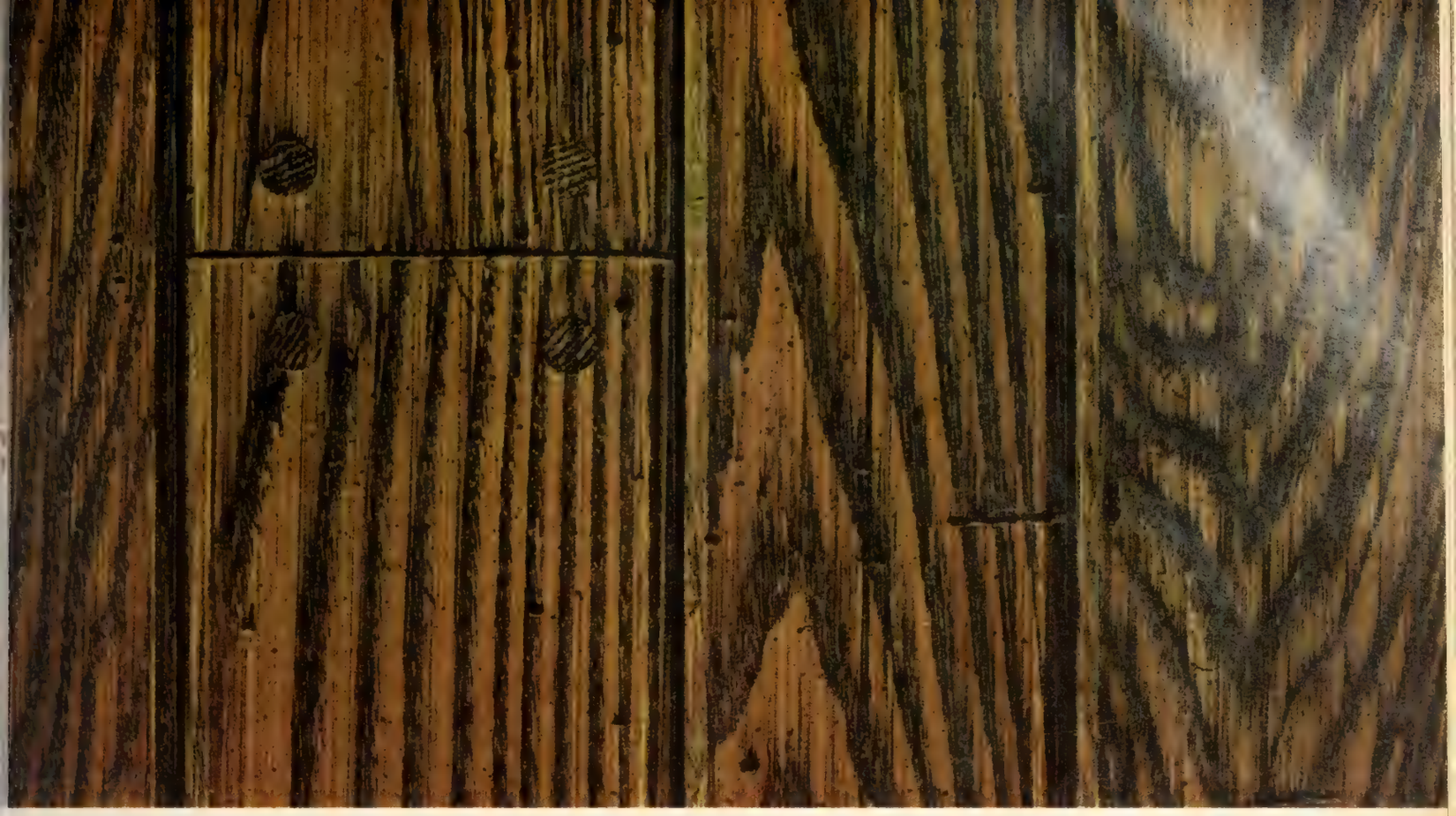
■ San Francisco is, above all else, an American phenomenon, born of the wildest spurt of free enterprise within our continental borders. Discovery of gold and then silver touched off a population explosion in the city that grew from 500 in 1848 to 235,000 in 1880. A polyglot collection of nationalities—ethnic backgrounds blurred in the scramble to be rich and then richer—the city spawned an intriguingly heterogeneous architecture. Studying its design variety is a lesson in American history, and someone has studied it. **The Great Houses of San Francisco** by Thomas Aidala, with photographs by Curt Bruce, (Alfred A. Knopf, $12.95) is a sensitive examination of its 19th-century architecture. The text is fluid, rich and entertaining; the details carefully researched. The photographs are sharp, and considering the vast amount of source material, well selected. The book's only flaw is an epilogue presenting an unconvincing plea to preserve the architectural past now being crushed beneath the bulldozer's blade. This is the subject for another book, and Aidala, architect and urban designer, should expand on it.

■ Mechanically minded boys (and few are not) from eight to 18 or girls (we don't want to stir Lib waters) will flip over **How It Works, Illustrated** by Rudolf F. Graf and George J. Whalen (Harper and Row, $10.95). Subtitled "Everyday Devices and Mechanisms," the book devotes two pages to each gadget—pages with text and sketches as clear as we've seen anywhere. Explained are such wonders as the rotary engine, hand mixer, stereo tape player, toilet tank and spinning reel—87 items in all. We attest to its attractiveness for adults. We enjoyed every page.

■ The latest in Chilton's Creative Craft Series is **Nature Crafts** by Anne Orth Epple ($9.95). Here the beginner, the crafts/hobbyist or the advanced craftsman will find techniques for candlesticks, Christmas ornaments, bookmarks, placemats, and decorative objects to construct from a variety of natural materials whether you live by the sea, in the woods or on a farm. Instructions are clear; photographs are in color and black-and-white. This book has a multitude of good ideas, but I'd suggest you design your own whatevers.

■ For those bewitched by candlelight, here's a book that will have you making your own candles. **The Candlemaking Design Book** by Carol Feder (Watts, $6.95) gives complete instructions for designing candles from simple household materials. You don't have to buy expensive candle molds—use ashtrays, cookie cutters, aluminum foil, milk cartons. Step-by-step illustrated instructions are included for making hand-dipped, etched, chip-carved and ornate candles that reproduce a favorite cut-glass bowl. Many photographs; many in striking full-color.

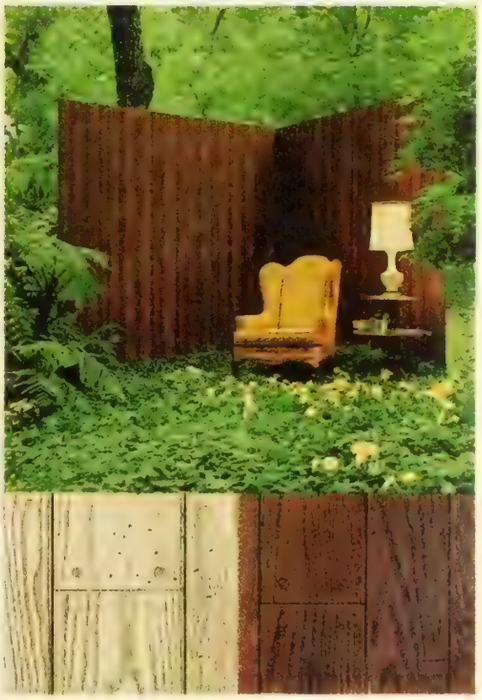
■ A thorough design book, this one contains many geometric patterns that can be translated easily into patchwork or needlepoint or adapted to paint and other media. **Pattern Design for Needlepoint & Patchwork** by Susan Schoenfeld with Winifred Bendiner, a Van Nostrand Reinhold (*Continued on page 44*)



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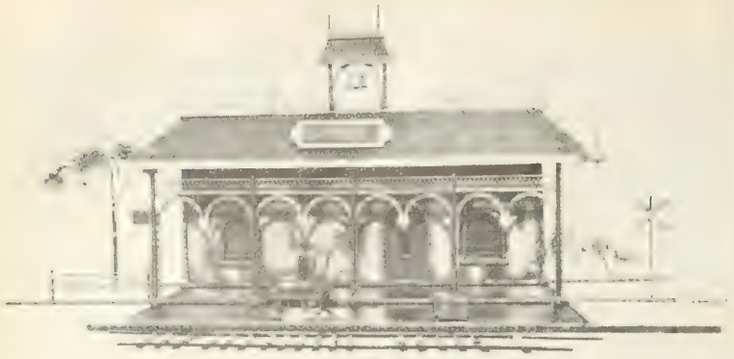
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■ Practical, inexpensive materials you'll find right in your kitchen can suggest many good projects. **Kitchen Crafts** by Linda and John Cross (Macmillan, $8.95) shows you how to create dozens of amusing, decorative objects without investing in tools and equipment. You'll get the "recipes" for making basic materials such as *papier mâché* and bread dough (the strongest sections of the book). What you make them into is up to you; there are suggestions for starters but each project has variations. Instructions are excellent, illustrations less so—you'll have to provide the imagination for finished products.

RECENT BOOKS BRIEFLY

■ For toymakers: **The Big Book of Soft Toys** by Mabs Tyler (McGraw-Hill, $8.95). Simple directions for making over 200 soft toys, from stuffed balls youngsters can make to a mobile merry-go-round to challenge the most gifted seamstress.

■ For housebound families: **The Rainy Day Book** by Alvin Schwartz (Simon & Schuster, a Fireside Book, $1.95). Lots of fun and good ideas for all sorts of activities on gray days.

■ For citiphiles: **New York City: A Photographic Portrait** by Victor Laredo, captions by Thomas Reilly (Dover, $3.50). A portrayal of the city old and new and its people old and young. And **The Face of London** by Richard Gloucester (Phaidon, London, $7.95). Copious photographs in color and black-and-white of elegance and ugliness, then and now, give a fascinating look at a great city.—HELEN BRIGGS

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At New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, researchers figure that household chores in an average family of four consume 67 hours a week, with mother putting in 56 hours as opposed to father's 11 hours. Value of this combined labor is estimated at $8,600 a year. Wry additional note: When Mother has an outside job, she puts in only 42 hours a week at housework, whereas Dad doesn't do a tap more than 11 hours a week, wife working or no.

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Wine-in-the-arts museum: New this year and the first of its kind in the western hemisphere, The Wine Museum of San Francisco, 633 Beach St., dedicated to the history of wine, its making and enjoyment, illuminated by exhibitions of art and artifacts related to the grape, including a loan exhibit of the Franz W. Sichel collection of glass spanning 20 centuries and The Christian Brothers Collection of wine-related art . . . For researchers and scholars, there's a library of rare books on wine and glass . . . Although sponsored by Fromm and Sichel, distributors of Christian Brothers Wines, the museum is noncommercial and open to the public.

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"Rose Canton" wallpaper (bottom left), *in orange-and-gold Chinese motif pattern, is available in five color combinations and also may be custom-colored; by Albert Van Luit Co. Georgian lamp* (top) *with brass-and-steel body has cut-cornered rectangle base with decorative handles on sides and a pleated linen shade with black border and trim; 27 inches high; by Chapman Manufacturing Co. Chippendale chair* (top right), *showing the Chinoiserie influence of around 1770, is an authentic copy in hand-carved mahogany; Yale R. Burge Reproductions Inc. Floor cushion* (below) *from Canada, about 24 by 24 inches, is handwoven in a combination of natural spun wool and hemp; by Karl Mann Associates.*

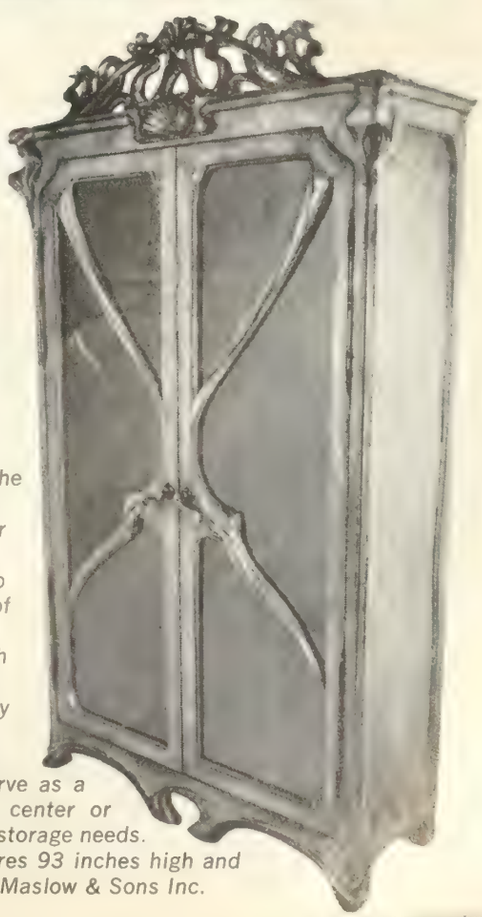


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Editor KATHLEEN MAHONEY □ **In interior design, nothing substitutes for creativity. It is the hallmark of the professional; it is what sets apart some furnishings from all the rest. And along with a talent for putting together a total look, a professional designer or architect is expected to know where to find those special furnishings. Such is the purpose of the Resources Council. A national trade association with more than 170 members, the Resources Council provides communication between home furnishings sources noted for outstanding design and the designers they serve. With its Source Information Council in New York and a continuing program of product shows and design seminars, the council insures that designers everywhere will have access to the best in home furnishings—designs such as those shown on the next few pages, available through your interior designer or architect.**



Superb craftsmanship is combined with an intriguing design element in the gracefully twisting plant-like forms that trace their way across the top and front of this Art Deco armoire (right), *winner of a Resources Council design award. The full-length doors are faced with a bronzed mirror, framed by avodire or Swiss pear wood, and the interior can be customized to serve as a liquor cabinet or music center or for a variety of individual storage needs. The stunning unit measures 93 inches high and 49 inches wide; by Louis Maslow & Sons Inc.*

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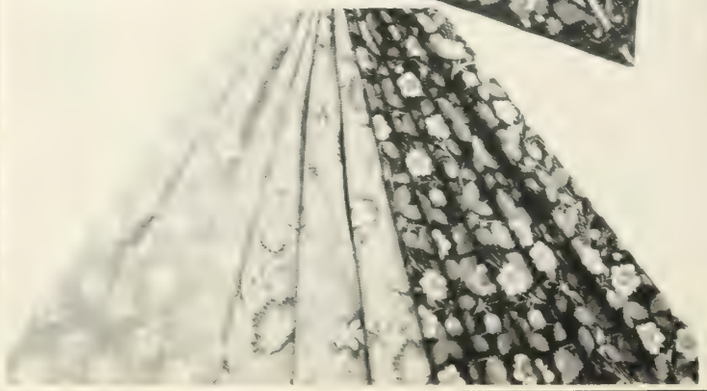




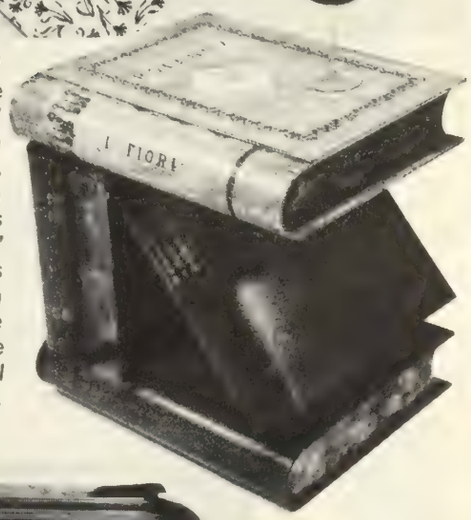
Two-tiered glass-shelved end table (left) shows Regency influence in the branchlike design of its brass legs; 23½ inches in diameter and 23 inches in height; from Cavallon Associates. Portuguese needlepoint carpet (below) is custom-colored and custom-sized in wool; by Stark Carpet Corp.

Fabrics, bottom left to right: "Noemie" and "Bosphore," both 51 inches wide, Boussac of France; "Strawberry Vine," 36 inches wide, Greeff Fabrics.









Above, two vinyl wallcoverings: The "Bride's Bows" (bottom) comes in five colorings, including brown on white, by Merry's Place; "Delphi" print (top) is custom-colored in Greek volute design theme by Kirk-Brummel Associates.



Deceptive end table (above) is hand-painted to give illusion of a casual assortment of books, may be positioned as shown or on its side. Top opens to a drawer for secretive storage; 17 by 14½ by 18 inches; Vanleigh Furniture Showrooms.



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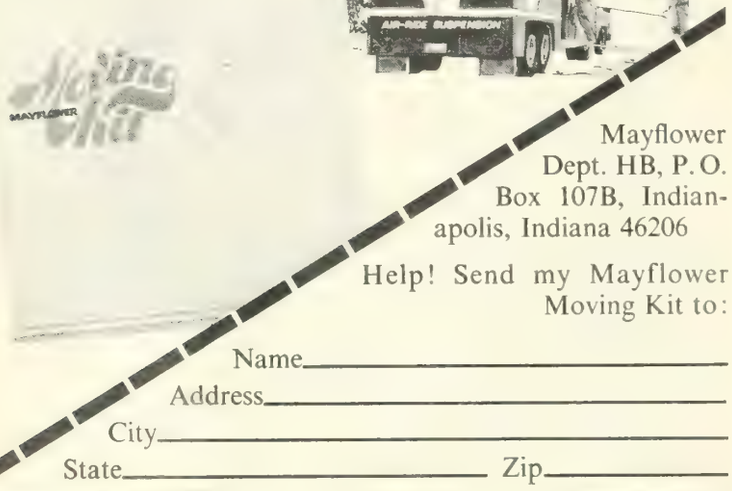
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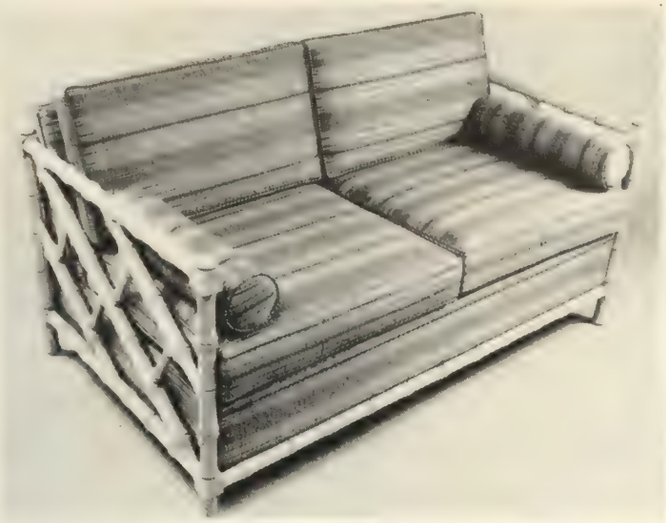


You can't help but relax in this square sling chair (above) in the softest tan leather and hardwood with a matching cushion, perfect for the sleekest look in your den or living room, a low-reclining Argentinian import just 30 inches high and 25 inches wide; from Vanleigh Furniture Showrooms. The striking elongated African statue (left), a "Male Shiwara" in hand-carved wood, à propos anywhere, stands 40 inches high and comes in other sizes; from Karl Mann Associates.

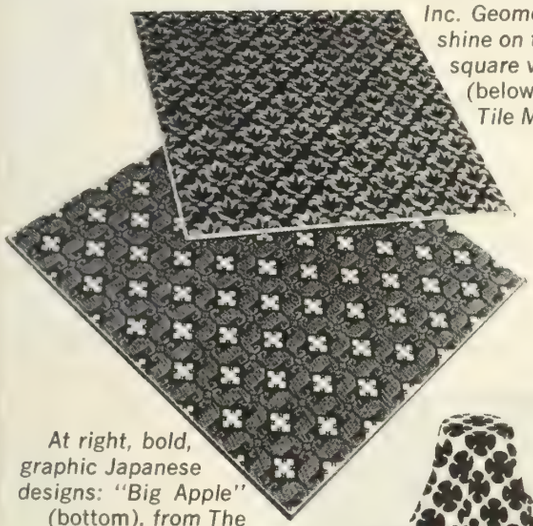


Floral coordinates: "Geranium" vinyl upholstery (top right) and "Trianon" coordinating fabric (lower right) in a similar bright strawberry pink; 52 inches wide; by Franciscan Fabrics. Vinyl tile (bottom left) has the balance of a Mondrian painting; ceramic vinyl tile (bottom right) combines flowers and arabesque forms; both 18 inches square; Eden Tile Mfg.



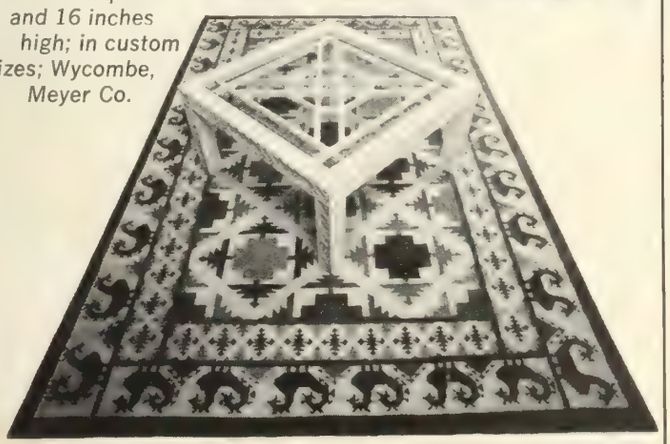


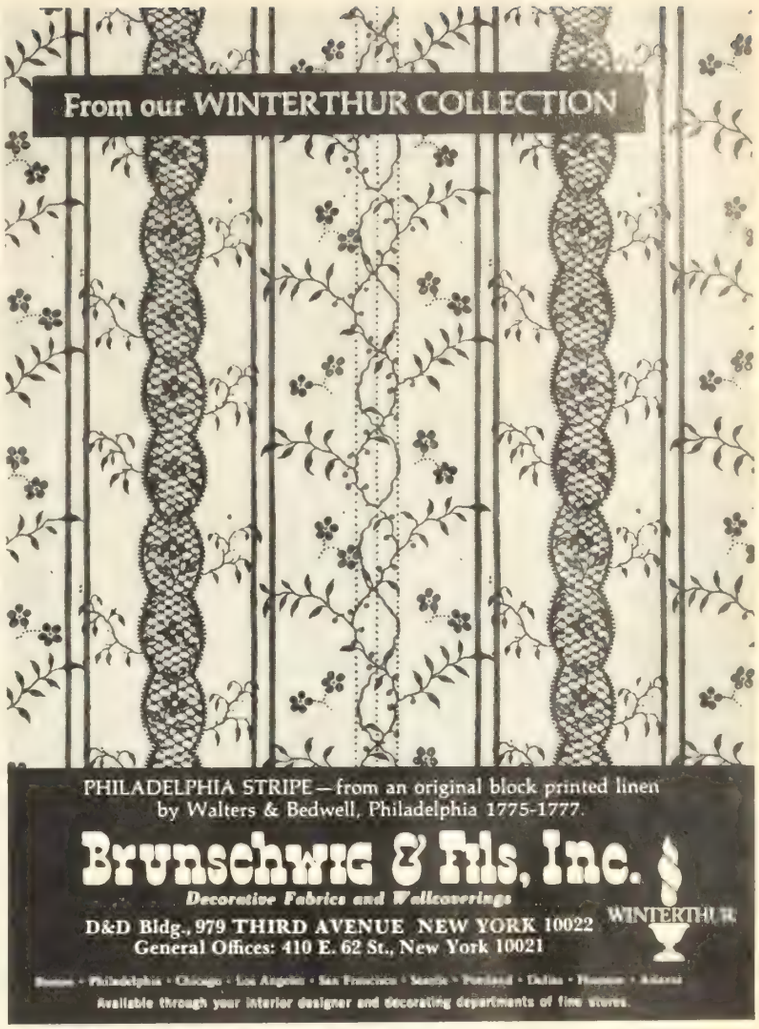
"Dreamliner" loveseat (above) is styled with the popular bamboo look. Shown in white, it comes in other painted and wood finishes, opens to three-quarter bed, 46 by 72 inches; by Chesapeake-Siegel-Land Inc. Geometric patterns shine on two 12-inch-square vinyl tiles (below) by Eden Tile Mfg.



At right, bold, graphic Japanese designs: "Big Apple" (bottom), from The Fujie Print Collection, and "Petal" (right), each 47 inches wide; by Isabel Scott Fabrics Corp. "Pamir" wool Kilim carpet (below), handmade from four by six feet; by Rosecore Carpet Co. "Orlando" cocktail table in white lacquer with fretwork inset is 33 inches square and 16 inches high; in custom sizes; Wycombe, Meyer Co.







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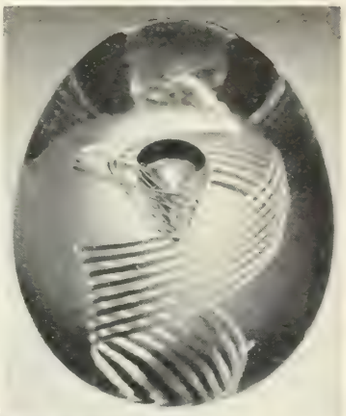
By PHYLLIS BARTLETT ☐ Ever since paperweights were first made in quantity, they have been avidly acquired by admirers. For collectors, these baubles have a fascination that goes far beyond the hope of appreciation in value and has led such literary figures as Colette and Truman Capote to assemble fine collections. (Capote paid $17,000 for an antique snake weight a few years ago.)

Antique weights do command good prices today, with the highest known price the $20,400 that Miss Olga Drexel Dahlgren paid for a Clichy Lily-of-the-Valley weight at Sotheby & Co. in 1970. Paperweights need not be fabulous antiques to be collected and enjoyed for their beauty, and the aspiring collector can find many fine designs being produced today that are within his means.

The earliest known antecedents were Egyptian, and weights were probably made on Murano, an island in Venice, by the 15th century. In the mid-19th century, French glass companies such as Baccarat, St. Louis and Clichy took up the art form, and by the time of the Crystal Palace exhibition in 1851, paperweights were fashionable. English firms, notably Apsley Pellat, and American glassworks such as Milleville, Sandwich and John Filliland, followed the French styles in making weights, although original forms developed in this country at a later date. Paperweights were also made in various styles in Bohemia and Italy during the 19th century.

Because of the minute detailing and the process of working with molten glass, the making of fine paperweights ranks among the most difficult of crafts. Victorian designs are distinguished by cane work—or shaping cross sections of glass rods—in *millefiore*, garland and filigree patterns. Other forms are elaborate flowers, snakes and fruits, delicately constructed by forming the molten glass with a torch, a technique called lamp work. Sulphides, which are cameo incrustations on a solid color ground, are often, but not always, portrait silhouettes. These designs are in turn encased in a globe of molten crystal, and these globes are sometimes coated with a brilliantly colored overlay and faceted to reveal the inner design. These processes are almost as difficult, of course, as forming the details.

Little wonder that only about 50,000 fine quality paperweights were made in the 19th century. It's estimated that somewhat more than a third survive, most of them in private collections, with dealers or in museums. (The New York Historical Society's collection is especially highly regarded.) Before the turn of the century, the interest in collecting paperweights waned and few new examples were produced. With a revival of interest after World War II, antique weights have almost vanished from the mar-



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Steuben's free-form weight (above) is $125. Three antique weights (left) are from the classic French period, 1845-1869, a St. Louis concentric millefiore, $1,300; a Clichy trefoil design, $1,450; and a Baccarat double-white clematis, with star-cut base, $750. All from Leo Kaplan, New York City.

ket, and there's little chance that you'll stumble upon a rare find in an antique or junk shop.

But with renewed demand, several companies have resumed or begun making new weights. Many firms follow traditional forms, yet some manufacturers have introduced mechanical techniques, especially in caning, and the weights can vary widely in quality.

The largest number is made in Murano, usually in *millefiore* designs. Especially fine weights



Two modern Baccarat examples include a mushroom paperweight with caned millefiore and overlay (left), and Eleanor Roosevelt limited edition hexagonal weight with deep blue overlay.

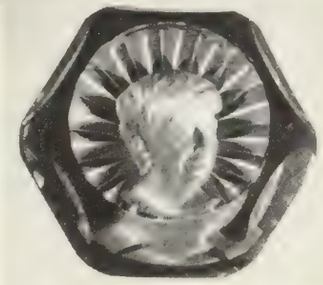
are made by Baccarat, which was persuaded to return to the field by Paul Jokelson, founder of the Paperweight Collectors Association. Baccarat's Eisenhower sulphide weight (153 were produced) was recently priced at $425 by one dealer, and its John F. Kennedy weights, made before his death at $35 (or $135 with overlay), are now valued at over $300 and $1,500, respectively. Baccarat currently produces limited editions of caning, lamp work and sulphide examples, some with overlays, from $60 to $350.

The English companies of Whitefriar and Perthshire also make caned and lamp-work weights in that price range; St. Louis makes *millefiore* and other limited weights in France and produces limited edition sulphides for Paul Jokelson. In more contemporary designs, Val St. Lambert of Belgium and Kosta of Sweden sell paperweights in the $11 to $50 price range. A set of nine Kosta "jewels," similar to weights, is about $120. One of the most beautiful of free-form weights made in this country is a design with a clear crystal oval displaying threads of white glass formed around a trapped air bubble, priced at $125.

Collectors also can find interesting designs being produced by individual craftsmen. Charles Kaziun, whose weights compare in design and execution with the Victorian designs, is highly regarded. Frances Whittemore and Paul Stankard are others to remember, as is Paul Ysart of Scotland, distributed by Jokelson in the U.S. Signed artist weights by recognized craftsmen can cost from under $100 to almost $500 for an unusually fine example.

Some of Stankard's newly introduced limited edition pieces have begun to carry floral designs into a freer, more swirling form, with unusual detail. The series, soon to be completed, has 50 numbered weights per edition, from $200 per weight.

If you are interested in collecting paperweights, read as much as you can about them and see as many as possible before you buy. Consider joining an association or club.



When you begin to collect, keep these guidelines in mind:

1. In weights made today, look for signatures, usually caned initials, and/or dates in *millefiore* designs. As a general rule, avoid dated antique weights; except for a few Baccarat and St. Louis examples, older weights were rarely marked by years.
2. Limited and numbered editions will usually be more prized because of their small amount. But remember that good quality unlimited weights may increase in value if production is discontinued and the number decreases through breakage or loss.
3. You will always be safer in buying from reputable manufacturers and dealers.
4. *Never buy a paperweight sight unseen.* Look for workmanship and artistry. There should be a feeling of life in the glass and a perfection of detail. While unusual treatment may make a weight more valuable, any weight that pleases you can be a joy to collect—and display as a jewel within your home. ■

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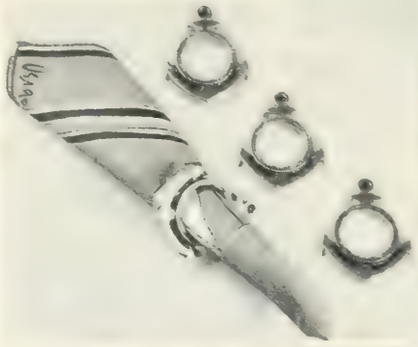
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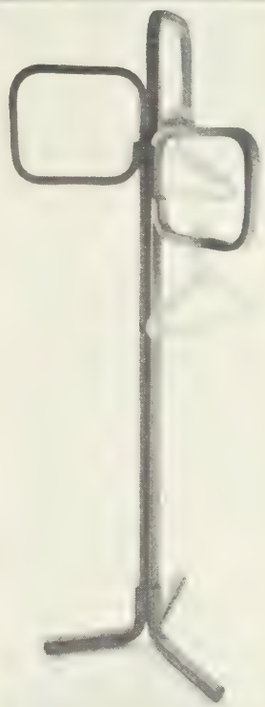


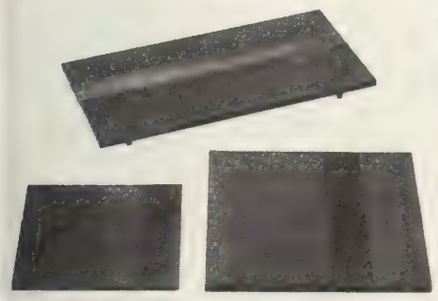
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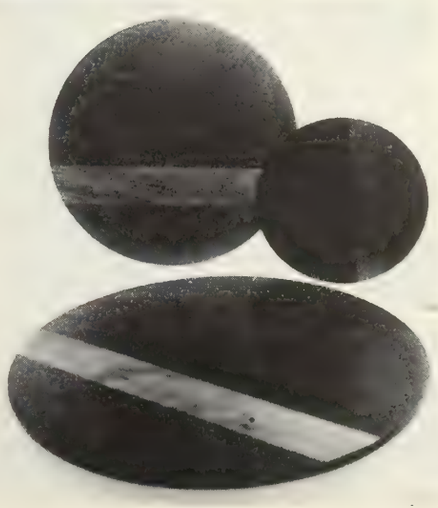


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The barn life

—ample room for fun . . . and disaster

By JULIAN SMITH □ "Is it a barn or a house?" would come the awed question from tourists. "Yes," I would answer inscrutably and go back to work converting our 240-year-old barn into a year-round residence.

Now that the work is finished, I have time for a few more questions. Misery, they say, loves company; so does pleasure.

Take a recent Fourth of July. It began with me being hit on the head by 80 pounds of antique hardware and ended with a picnic supper for two dozen in our 40-foot-wide, 33-foot-high summer living room. In between was a trip to the hospital to have my scalp sewn up.

Each year, the children had swung from the upper decks on a 30-foot rope attached to an old hoist mechanism. But as they grew larger and noisier and more adventurous each summer and as the parents grew more nervous, I decided to take the rope down. Trouble was, the hoist came, too. There you have the mixed pain and pleasure of barn life: ample room for games —and for sudden disaster.

For us, it all started when we snooped into a deserted farmhouse in southern New Hampshire. Covered in lovely weathered tar paper shingles designed to resemble brick, the house wasn't much to look at and the barn across the road looked even sicker. But inside the shingles was an almost untouched Colonial house.

Within half an hour, we'd found the owner, who was considering burning it and was glad to sell the property for a good deal less than the down payment on a new house.

Tar paper shingles, anachronistic front porch, garbage, old furniture, linoleum, plastic curtains and a broken piano all went onto a large bonfire. Plumbing, electricity, central heating and small-paned sashes all went in. We opened up four old fireplaces, replaced the cast-iron sink with a genuine soapstone monstrosity, planted lots of lilacs all around and then we turned our eyes to the barn across the road.

We saw a mess. The granite foundation stones had fallen away along one half of the north side, while the opposite half of the south side had sunk into the earth. Inside, hundreds of bales of hay rotted in the lofts, while masses of debris awaited below. Worse, an ambitious, modern farmer had added an 80-foot-long cinder-block cow barn at a right angle to the original structure.

Because there was an awful eyesore to be cleaned up, it was the process of cleaning up that showed us what an attractive and basically sound building we would find once we tore down the outbuildings, stripped out the 19th- and 20th-century partitions, stalls and accumulations of agricultural paraphernalia. And finally we had an epic empty space 75 feet long, 40 feet wide and four stories high.

Still not knowing what to do with the barn, I took a job in New York and put the farm on the market. But prospective buyers didn't know what to do with the barn either. So we sold the house and land on one side of the road and kept the barn and 11 acres on the other.

That last summer before we moved to New York, I decided to leave the barn in sound structural shape, to jack up the sagging sections and rebuild the foundation walls so it would at least be a level mess.

And as we worked, we suddenly began thinking of the possibilities of the barn as a house.

It really designed itself. We let the holes left by cutting away bad sheathing boards along the side determine where the main openings would be and let the views into the meadow around the barn tell us where to put windows. The demands of the seasons, the extremes of heat and cold, rain and sun—combined with the limitations of our budget—forced us to use only a portion of the shell for year-round habitation, to leave great openings on two sides and to stack rooms like a pyramid of giant blocks within a huge box.

We didn't do it all at once, of course, and it wasn't until our third summer that we came to a time of "just living" in it.

If you think you'd like to follow our example, then realize from the outset that it helps to be rich—or, like me, an underpaid teacher with free summers and the desire to work physically during those times. But there are guidelines: (Continued)

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If you are relying on luck alone, the best time to look is in winter, when you can spot unplowed drives and barnyards. Also try picking an area and asking town clerks and local agricultural agents for likely propects; realtors, in general, will tell you only what they have listed, and your best buys won't even be found on the market.

To be absolutely certain you haven't missed a likely buy, get geodetic survey maps—these will show the barns as hollow squares. Do your map reconnaissance first, circling all barns on back roads, then plan an itinerary. Look especially for signs of a barn across the road from the nearest house—that kind is easier for a man to sell than one next to his back door.

Unless you are a wheeler-dealer, unless your optimism is well-founded and you can talk the owner into a deferred purchase scheme ("That barn is costing you more in taxes and upkeep than it's worth; when we're finished, your other land will be more valuable"), you must have some cash. Few banks lend money to buy an empty barn and land even if you do have a good down payment.

Once you have found and bought your barn, clean the place yourself with a few amateur helpers, just to see what you've got. Give away the scrap metal and broken-down machinery; cut the lumber you don't want into fireplace-sized scraps. Plan at least a summer of full-time work or a year of weekends just for cleaning up and making basic repairs.

Get to know the place—take lots of pictures as you go and make accurate measurements. If local regulations allow, camp out in the barn so you can experience it night and day. Visit it through all four seasons before you make any major decisions on what to do. Above all, don't rush. If a barn's been there for 100 years, it's not going to go anywhere now.

Hire a carpenter to work with you on some of the initial repairs or partitioning. If you plan to do part of the work yourself, find a carpenter who is willing to explain why and how he does things. Make your own mistakes in places where they won't show and save the fine public carpentry for areas that matter.

Don't get discouraged. If it all sounds like a lot of bother and you're beginning to have doubts, you may like to know some advantages of barn life:

There's an almost sinfully luxurious amplitude of space. (What can you do with all that space? Start collecting large objects. Hoist a full-scale replica of the Red Baron's plane to the rafters or lay out your own private handball court.)

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Then there is the sense of continuity without the limitations imposed by Colonial domestic architecture. Take it from one who has authentically restored a Colonial house and found himself stuck with small rooms and living patterns irrelevant to modern life: Within a barn, you may be wildly modern while benefiting from the charms of an old building.

And there are other less immediately obvious advantages. Old barns that have survived tend to be surrounded by open fields—giving you plenty of sunlight in the winter and breezes in the summer. Since old-timers had to find their own water supplies, barns tend to be near springs or streams. And odds are that the cellar of the barn offers a rich black mulch of hay and manure for your garden.

Sometimes, though, you do get to feel like a Stone Age man in a barn, especially when the bats swarm at night and you begin to think you're back in the ancestral cave. For two summers, my wife and I waged a nightly search-and-destroy mission against the bats. She held the spotlight while I clambered about on ladders with a BB gun (a .22 makes a hole in the roof; a shotgun is too loud and unsporting). But last year, no bats. And we find we sort of miss them because the place is becoming too finished, too civilized. ■





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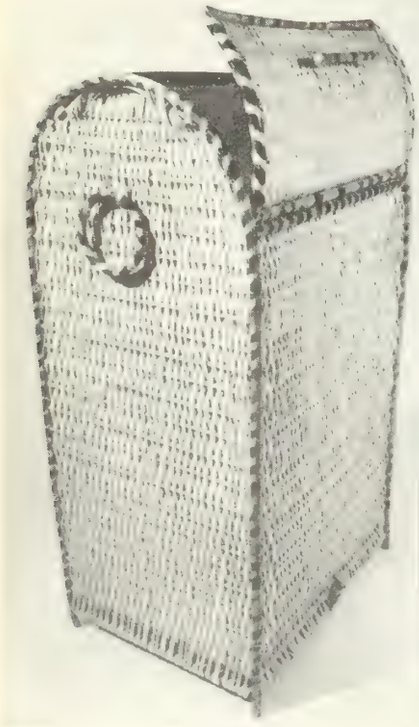
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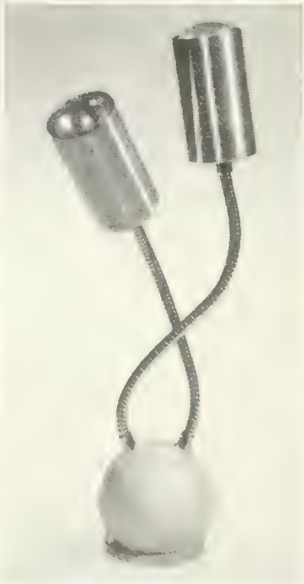
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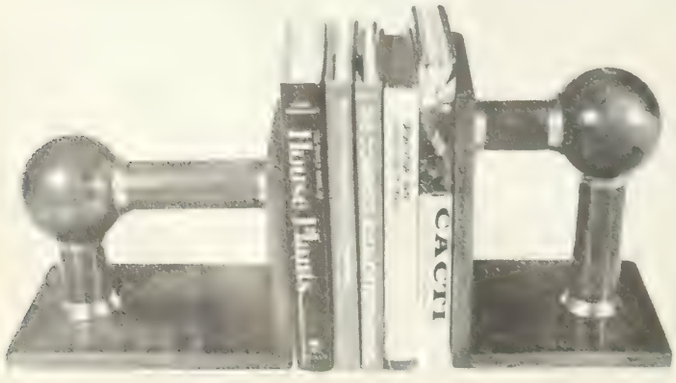
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Innovative hamper (left) sports a trap bottom for easy emptying. It's made of natural wicker, trimmed with black raffia; 31 inches high, 17 inches wide and 13 inches deep, $40; in two smaller sizes; matching wastebasket available. Jakson mailbox from Joseph A. Kaplan.



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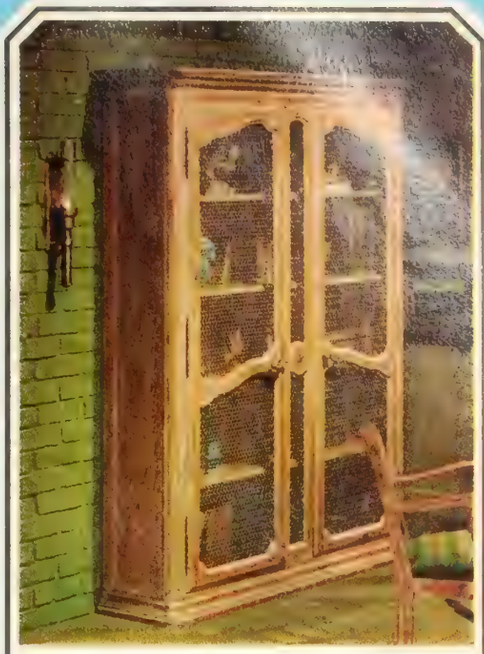


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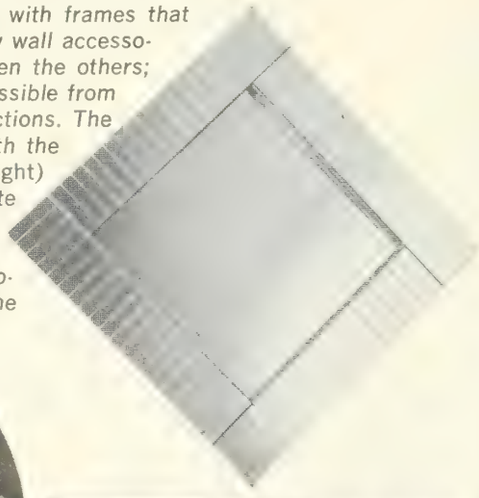
The mirror—always mysterious or dramatic when large—can be made into a charming and imaginative decorating jewel for your home. Ingredients are basic: a few hours of time, the kind of patience reserved for creativity and your choice of dress-up for a purchased frame. Here's how . . .

Imaginative, creative framing can transform the humble little looking glass into a decorative gem for any room in your home

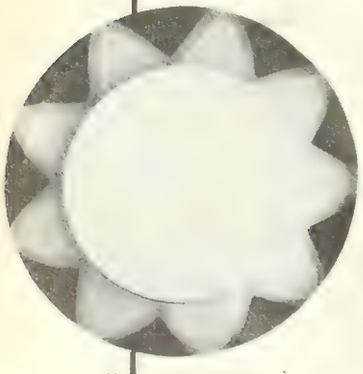
The mirrored frame

Materials: A sheet of mirrored mosaic squares or rectangles on a fabric backing (ours, by Tomorrow Designs, is available at Bloomingdale's mirror and picture galleries, all branches; cost, about $6 per square foot), or the mirror tiles that come with adhesive backing; a square or rectangular flat-surfaced picture frame, in dimensions to fit the mirror pieces (ours is two inches wide by 11¾ inches square by ¾ inch deep); silver adhesive-backed tape as wide as the depth of the frame; silver paint; shellac; paint brush; turpentine; white glue; single-edge razor blade; soft cloth and glass cleaner; a mirror cut to fit the frame.

Time and Cost: This will take an hour to two hours depending on the size of the frame and your skill. Cost, exclusive of the frame, should be less than $12. Cost of the frame will vary with size; the one we used was $15 at Sam Flax, 551 Madison Ave., New York City 10022. A similar mirrored frame professionally done would sell for about $30 or more.



Think of mirrors with frames that you make as new wall accessories. Try one, then the others; variations are possible from these basic directions. The square frame with the mirrored tiles (right) will be the favorite for some. Can't you see it in an improvised grouping? Or there's the round mirror set in triangles of crepe paper (above) and the square fabric frame (right) that would be most appropriate in a child's room.





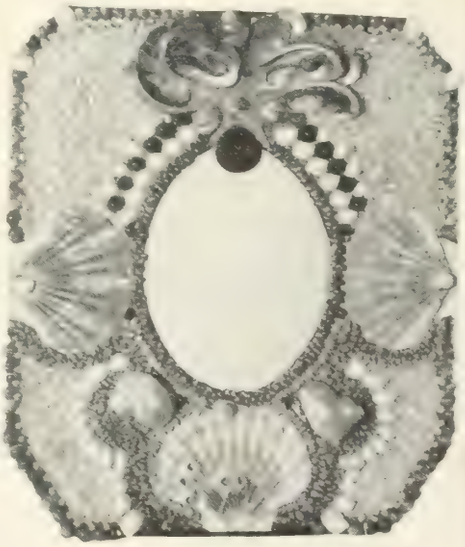
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Directions: Make sure the frame is clean and free of dirt. Cover the ¾-inch depth with the silver tape and press it firmly in place to eliminate wrinkles. Painting is an alternative to taping the sides. To paint, first apply a layer of shellac and let dry, then paint with silver paint and let dry. Do not paint surface to which mirror will be adhered.

Measure off the strips of mirror mosaic you will need for each side; with a razor blade, cut at the joining between tiles. Position all pieces around the frame, one side at a time. Cover each side of the frame evenly with glue. Then apply glue to the fabric backing. Press firmly in place with a dry cloth. Try not to get excess glue on the mirror and wipe spills immediately with a damp cloth. If the mirror tiles have an adhesive backing, simply remove the protective coating from the back and apply. Work around all sides.

Using glue, install a pre-cut mirror to fit inside the frame. Paint any areas at the inside edge where wood or fabric backing shows—first with shellac, then with silver paint.

Note: Mirror tiles may be cleaned with glass cleaner. Spray the cleaner on a soft cloth, then wipe the mirror. Do not apply the cleaner directly on the mirror—it will seep in between tiles, causing backing and glue to deteriorate.



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Round crepe paper collage frame

Materials: Dennison crepe paper sheets in the three colors of your choice; round framed mirror (ours is from Azuma, 415 Fifth Ave., New York City 10016); all-purpose white glue; paint brush; clear plastic spray.

Time and Cost: The design covers just the *front* of the frame and should take about an hour, *not* including the drying time. Total cost should be less than $5.

Directions: For the first color, keep the crepe paper in folded sheets and cut through the thickness in one-inch strips. Cut the strips into one-inch sections to get squares. Make a solution of half glue and half water. Paint a section of the frame a bit at a time with generous amounts of glue solution and apply the squares of crepe paper. Work around the frame until it's covered. Coat the frame with more glue and apply another layer of the same color of crepe paper. The more layers you add, the brighter and denser the color. Let dry several hours. Then spray with clear plastic to prevent bleeding of color when the next layer is applied.

For the second color, cut triangles equal to the width of one side of the frame: The point of the triangle should touch the outside edge of the frame while the bottom of the triangle meets the inside edge. Apply one ring of crepe paper triangles, as described above, bases touching, around the mirror. Let dry and spray. (*Continued on page 177*)

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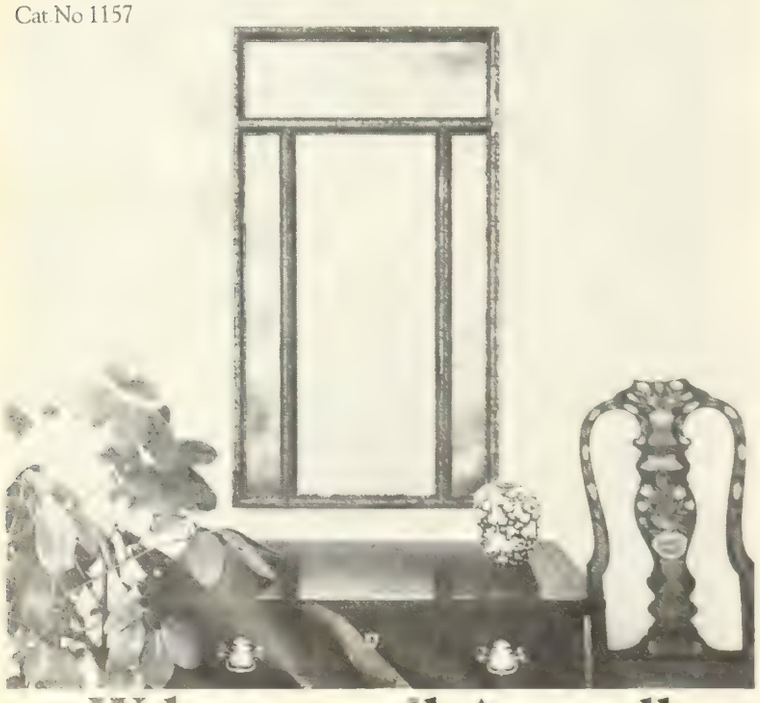
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An inner hostility?

—or a question of manners . . .

By JANET WILSON ☐ Another third Tuesday, another meeting of the Maple Street section of the Berkeley Cooperative Nursery School. I stared at the mimeographed announcement: Time, date, speaker, Dr. Elmer Harmlan. Then his topic —"Are Good Manners a Sign of Inner Hostility?"

This was followed by the notice that this meeting was "mandatory for all mothers who have missed more than three meetings since the beginning of the fall term," and finally a special note to the Tuesday-Thursday mothers: "Mrs. Grantley, with the full support of the Tuesday-Thursday mothers, has decided to do away with the 11:00 snack period as a separate activity. It has been pointed out that this period is too rigid and presents an unnecessarily artificial imposition on the free flow of the school's program. The children may continue to bring snacks, but in the future they should eat them, share them and more freely integrate the snacks into their normal activities."

Integrate them into their normal activities? I could see Julie, aged three, youngest and messiest of our five children, water-coloring her peanut butter sandwiches. But the real problem was the *mandatory* meeting.

Have you ever noticed that the more permissive the school, the tougher it is on parents? I handed the bulletin to my husband with a heavy silence.

"Well, *have* you missed more than three meetings?" He jumped fearlessly to the point. He could afford to, he's not the parent who has to mandatorily attend the meetings. I am. At least, I am if I want to keep Julie in nursery school and protect the only six hours of absolute privacy I have all week.

I hurried to my appointment calendar, but with little hope. Why hadn't I gone to the Nov. 6 lecture, "Should Siblings Play Together?" I still don't know if they should. I don't see why not. At the time, the thought of our own five siblings, our small house and my husband's constant "Play together nicely or be spanked separately" was all the excuse I needed to skip it.

But this time there would be no escape. One grimly careful attendance check irrevocably condemned me. And to such a topic! I could see it; a three-hour free-for-all with my fellow cooperating mothers, all tensely alert and concentrating on what they consider (or pretend to consider) an exquisitely interesting subject, their unmanicured hands shooting up urgently, their well-scrubbed lips trembling with questions that Dr. Harmlan is sure to call their valuable contributions. Someone would get into an embarrassing argument; someone always does. And someone would say painfully private things and . . . No. I couldn't think about it. This time, and maybe twice again this term, I'd simply have to go.

Actually, I should have been more prepared for the topic. Good manners and good deportment have always been highly suspect behavior in the eyes of Berkeley parents and educators. A child who doesn't behave badly is thought to be spiritless and uncreative, possibly malnourished or retarded. If a child should commit a positive act of graciousness, he's either sneaky or has been brought up by a grandmother from Oklahoma.

Only last week, an outraged mother phoned me and shrieked fearfully that an unknown woman had entered her daughter Jennifer's classroom to observe the instruction and that the whole class had stood up to greet her. Like an army!

Jennifer and my two oldest girls attend the same private school, riding in the same car pool, and I am on the board of the Parents Association. I am also generally anxious to please and more than generally anxious to avoid confrontation. Such an attitude, coupled with my semi-official position, makes me a natural, almost irresistible prey for chronically agitated and politically liberal parents out to attack one of the few non-permissive grade schools in the area, a marvel of an institution that has somehow managed to remain charmingly oblivious of its own unreconstructed nature.

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Culture, in a nutshell, goes like so: *Light,* semisunny to shady. *Temperature and humidity,* average house. *Soil,* equal parts potting soil and peat moss or a mix of equal parts garden loam, sand and peat moss. Keep it evenly moist, but don't let the plant stand in water for many days. If the soil dries out severely, you will lose a lot of leaves, but probably not the plant itself. Marginata is stalky by nature. As the stems grow taller, the older leaves fall off, leaving attractive, geometrically arranged scars. Temperature and moisture extremes cause the leaf tips to dry prematurely.

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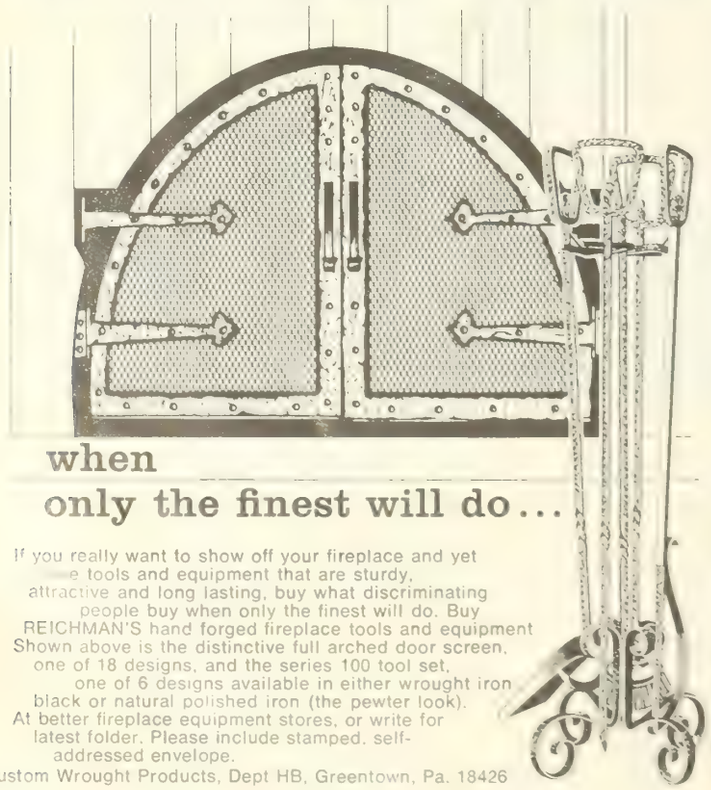
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16. PELLA WINDOW AND DOOR IDEAS. These 16 pages of helpful information cover ways of fitting different types of windows into contemporary and traditional architecture and discuss this firm's energy-conserving glazing system and low-maintenance exterior. **Rolscreen Co. Free.**

CARPETS & FLOORING

17. FLOOR IDEAS IN HARDWOOD. A 16-page color booklet illustrates available types of decorative hardwood floors for use in homes, including fashionable new dark finishes, lovely random-width floors, block and parquet patterns and pegged floors. **Bruce Flooring, Division of E. L. Bruce Co. Inc. 25¢.**

18. ORIENTAL-DESIGN RUGS. Color brochure includes many photographs of superb, authentic Oriental design in Couristan's 100% pure worsted wool collection, details the firm's fine individually skein-dyed yarns, patented "Locked-in-Weave" and "Crystal Point" finish methods. **Couristan Inc. $2.**

19. NO-WAX VINYL FLOORING. A floor show of the latest patterns in no-wax, cushioned vinyl for any room in the home is featured in a new brochure that gives many decorating hints, too. **Mannington Mills. Free.**

20. "DECORATING WITH GENUINE INDIA HANDMADE CARPETS." A select group of magnificent carpet designs are featured in this attractive color booklet. Tasteful decorating ideas are given for imaginative ways to make your home look more exciting with carpet masterpieces. **Pande, Cameron & Co. of N.Y. $1.**

21. "CUSTOM-CRAFTED CARPETS AND RUGS." Color folder presents custom carpets in a variety of custom-matched colors, with hand-knotted fringe, if desired, and a choice of any size or shape without waste in wool, nylon and Antron nylon pile. **Philadelphia Carpet Co. Free.**

CURTAINS, DRAPERIES & FABRICS

22. "DESIGN AND TRIM." An instruction leaflet of eight imaginative tablecloth ideas shows you ways to experiment with trim on Belgian linen and polyester cloths and napkins to create and personalize your own table theme. **Belgian Linen Association. Free.**

23. "THE HOW-TO OF WELL-DRESSED WINDOWS." A portfolio of color folders from an expert adviser—the Kirsch Co.—gives the how-tos of different window treatments from cafe curtains to draw draperies. Important measuring information is included. **Kirsch Co. 15¢.**

24. THE AMERICAN CHINA TRADE COLLECTION. Brochure in color features Lee/Jofa's new group of decorative fabrics inspired by documents and artifacts in the Museum of the American China Trade, Milton, Mass. **Lee/Jofa. Free.**

25. "NORMAN'S WAS HERE." Color booklet pictures many custom treatments you can duplicate for the windows and beds in your home, choosing from the hundreds of this firm's patternings. **Norman's of Salisbury. Free.**

26. CREATIVE SEWING WITH SHEETS AND TOWELS. You'll find a wealth of ideas for decorating and men's and women's fashions in this brochure illustrating Angelo Donghia's 20th Century Limited Collection. **J. P. Stevens & Co. Inc. 25¢.**

27. "THE UNENDING HOUSE." A new step-by-step instruction booklet includes a number of imaginative possibilities for decorating with sheets. **Martex. $1.**

DECORATING IDEAS

28. NEW TILE IDEAS. The natural, kiln-fired beauty of ceramic tile is shown in this 16-page color brochure with a variety of handsome room settings. Products illustrated include the "Redi-Set" pregrouted tile and the bold "Caribbean" tiles in **American Olean Tile Co. 10¢.**

29. CLOPAY DECORATIVE COVERINGS IDEA BOOK. Discover a new world of ways to work creative magic with easy-to-use self-adhesive coverings. This 32-page color book has hundreds of ideas for every room in your house and outdoors, too. **Clopay Corp. $1.**

30. "IDEA WINDOWS 2." This 20-page, color brochure highlights many beautiful decorating ideas with Del Mar Woven Wood window coverings in many areas. **Del Mar Woven Wood. 50¢.**

31. "HOW TO WORK WITH A RETAIL STORE DESIGNER." This pamphlet includes practical information on how to get the most from your home furnishings investment regardless of your budget, with many helpful ideas to save you time, effort and dollars. **Interior Design Society of the National Home Furnishings Association. Free.**

32. ALL-AMERICAN HOMES. A

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new 40-page full-color book from PPG Industries shows outstanding examples of contemporary housing. The book covers four major categories of housing: builder, custom, manufactured and resort homes and has numerous ideas for using glass and mirrors. **PPG Industries. 25¢.**

33. SIMMONS GUIDE TO THE GREAT INDOORS. An informative 16-page color brochure includes decorating plans for city apartments, suburban, country and vacation homes by a leading interior decorator, plus "how-to" tips and a selection of Hide-A-Bed sofas. **Simmons Co. $1.**

34. "CERAMIC TILE MAKES A LOT OF SENSE IN A LOT OF ROOMS BESIDES THE BATH." Imaginative ways to use ceramic tile for added beauty and value throughout your home are pictured in this new color booklet. **Tile Council of America Inc. 25¢.**

DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES

35. MIRRORS. This Carolina Mirror Corp. catalog features the full line of decorative framed mirrors from the world's largest manufacturer of mirrors, showing mirrors of every style and size in attractive room settings. **Carolina Mirror Corp. $1.**

36. FIREPLACE ACCESSORIES. A full line of fireplace tools, including wrought-iron screens, are shown in a booklet offering a representative selection of the Reichman line. **Custom Wrought Products. 35¢.**

37. "THE ART GLASS STORY" This charming brochure offers a lively biography of this family-run glass company in West Virginia—and presents handsome full-color plates of art glass from yesterday and today. Written by Alan Linn, it is a history of the craft and the maker. **Fenton Art Glass Co. $2.**

38. CLOCK BROCHURE. Chiming grandfather and grandmother clocks from America's oldest maker are shown in this color pamphlet, which also explains the difference between tubular bell and chain-wound movements. **Herschede Hall Clocks Co. 50¢.**

39. HOWARD MILLER BROCHURE OF ANTIQUE ADAPTATIONS AND GRANDFATHER CLOCKS. A complete selection of fine grandfather and wall clocks are illustrated in a variety of styles and prices, including adaptations of classic American originals. **Howard Miller Clock Co. Free.**

40. ATMOS CLOCKS. A handsome four-color brochure illustrates and describes six Atmos Clock styles. Atmos Clock is the only one of its kind in the entire world, running on minute changes of temperature. **Jaeger LeCoultre Watches & Clock. Free.**

41. CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE. For your at-home shopping, this catalog offers Christmas cards and presents—jewelry sculpture, Early American glass, pewter, porcelain, needlework, engagement and wall calendars. **The Metropolitan Museum of Art. 25¢.**



42. FLOOR CLOCKS. Attractive color brochure from Ridgeway shows 24 Ridgeway floor clocks in different sizes, styles and finishes, gives helpful decorating tips and brief description of chimes and list of local dealers. **Ridgeway Clocks, Division of Gravely Furniture Co. Inc. Free.**

43. CLASSIC LAMPS AND DECORATIVE FURNITURE ACCESSORIES. You'll find many design ideas illustrated in this booklet featuring English, French, American Colonial and Empire styles. **Stiffel. 50¢.**

44. "BEAUTY IS GLASS FROM VIKING." These 42 pages of pictures and text tell the story of how Viking "Treasured American Glass" is made—and it is, indeed, an interesting and authoritative book on glassmaking. **Viking Glass Co. 50¢.**

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45. CREATED GEMSTONES. Colorful brochure features precious jewelry with "The World's Newest Jewel," Linde Created emeralds, so much like natural Emeralds that special tests are needed to tell they are not genuine. **Created Gemstones. Free.**

46. GIFT CATALOGUE. A distinguished Boston jewelry concern gives you 50 pages of magnificent and unusual gift ideas, many reproduced in full color, including silver, gold and porcelain masterpieces, pewter sculpture, desk accessories and decorative clocks and highlights from the store's precious jewelry collection. **Shreve Crump & Low Co. $1.**

47. TIFFANY & CO. CATALOG. From one of the world's best-known stores: gift suggestions in jewelry, watches, silverware, china, crystal, stationery and clocks. **Tiffany & Co. $2.**

FOOD & DRINK

48. CHRISTMAS BOOK OF GIFTS. For holiday planning, a line-up of distinctive gifts that include miniature tree with decorations, gourmet preserves, cheese, sausages and Northwest fruit and delicacies in hand-woven baskets. **Harry and David. Free.**

49. "HOW TO READ A WINE

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LABEL." An informative study of wines from the world's major wine-producing areas. Written by William Clifford, this handy reprint booklet contains the complete three-part series that appeared in House Beautiful in 1971. **House Beautiful. 50¢.**

50. EARLY AMERICAN RECIPES. Treat your family and guests to the finest in Early American country cooking with a recipe collection compiled by Betty Groff and José Wilson, authors of *Good Earth and Country Cooking*, for The Pfaltzgraff Co., manufacturers of dinnerware and accessories. **The Pfaltzgraff Co. 25¢.**

FURNITURE

51. EARLY AMERICAN BEDROOM AND DINING ROOM FURNITURE. Many decorating ideas are offered for exciting bedroom and dining room schemes in these catalogs. **American Drew. $1.**

52. BAKER FURNITURE. The new Baker Book is comprised of two handsome hard-bound volumes, with individual slip cases for storing each set. Illustrations show the entire Baker Collection; including living and dining room, bedroom and occasional furniture. **Baker Furniture Co. $10.**

53. BROWN JORDAN'S AWARD-WINNING 60-PAGE CATALOG. Color catalog shows firm's complete line of indoor/outdoor furnishings made of cast and tubular aluminum. Included is a special illustrated section giving dimensions for every item produced. **Brown Jordan. $2.**

54. AMERICANA DECORATING GUIDE. This guide by John Weber, A.I.D., discusses many ways of decorating with Colonial and country casual furniture and tells how to use color, to accessorize and to design floor plans, how to mix your Americana with other styles. **Broyhill Industries. $1.**

55. FAMILY ROOM FURNISHINGS FROM BURRIS. Handy purse- and pocket-size folders have full-color photos of the famous Trio-Lounger and Space Saver recliner in a variety of settings. **Burris Industries. Free.**

56. "SPACE-AGE EXCITEMENT IN DINING FROM CHROMCRAFT." Colorful brochure features 18 of today's designs for unstuffy dining and casual entertaining, with fresh new concepts in molded plastic, glass, chrome and cane. **Chromcraft Corp. 25¢.**

57. FAMOUS DESIGNS. A series of booklets illustrates Italian, Mediterranean, provincial, contemporary and modern furniture styles to help you select bedroom, dining room, occasional pieces. **Drexel Furniture Co. $1.**

58. FOUNDERS GUIDE TO MODERN DECORATING. A super-size paperback tells how to live and decorate with modern and contemporary furniture. Lavishly illustrated with 32 pages of color, this book offers room-planning information for beautiful modern interiors. **Founders. $2.**

59. "EXCITING COLLECTION OF TABLES." This handsome portfolio illustrates this firm's complete line of tables and cabinets in French, Mediterranean, Italian and modern styling with a variety of finishes. **Gordon's Inc. $1.**

60. TRADITIONAL SETTINGS. This new 160-page booklet features many imaginative ideas for decorating with traditional living room, dining room, family room and bedroom furniture. **Harden Furniture Co. $3.**

61. IDEA BOOK. A new 80-page catalog contains more than 230 illustrations of occasional and accent pieces in Oriental, Queen Anne, Old English, South Seas, Spanish, French, Early American and contemporary designs. **Hekman Furniture Co. $1.**

62. HENREDON'S CIRCA 76. Pamphlet illustrates this exciting contemporary bedroom and occasional furniture that harkens back to our heritage for its distinctive look, but gains a totally contemporary personality from a blending of natural material and hand-craftsmanship. **Henredon Furniture Industries Inc. $1.**

63. HERITAGE. A series of booklets illustrates Italian, Mediterranean, provincial, contemporary and modern furniture styles to help you select bedroom, dining room, and occasional pieces and includes a helpful room-planning kit. **Heritage Furniture. $2.**

64. HICKORY CHAIR. This charming book has 92 pages of furniture reproductions inspired by heirlooms from Historical James River Plantation in Virginia. **Hickory Chair Co. $2.**

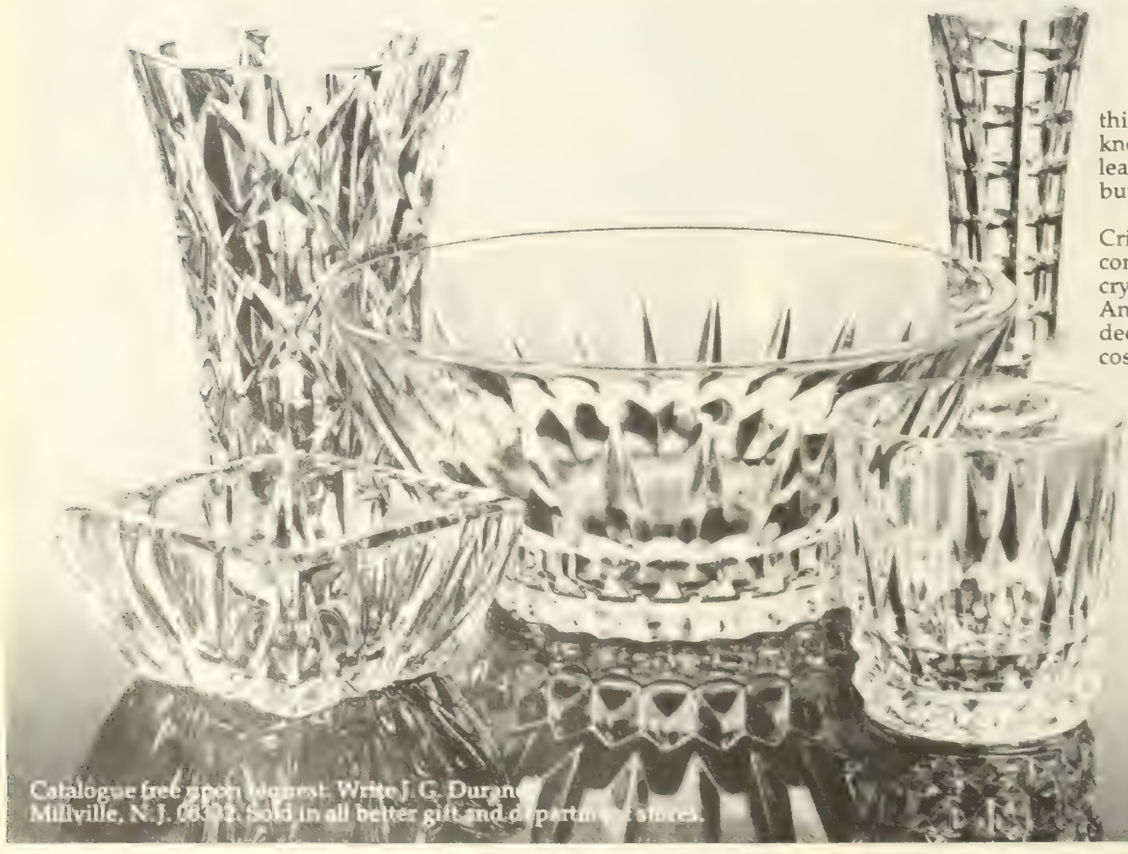
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66. ORIGINALS. A 36-page booklet displays these traditional, French, English and Mediterranean styles you can choose in 20 decorator finishes and a great selection of fabrics. **Jackson of Danville. $1.**

67. JASPER SECRETARIES. New "Secretary Sampler" shows 30 secretaries in several styles to fit into the decorating mood in many rooms in your home. **Jasper Cabinet Co. Free.** *(Continued)*

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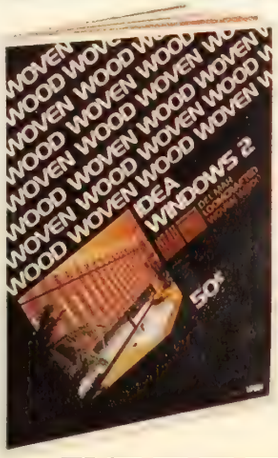
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69. RECLINING AND RELAXING. Color brochure features all La-Z-Boy styles: "Sofette," "Reclina-Rockers," loungers, "HiLo" recliners and "La-Z-Rockers." Literature emphasizes variety of styles and fine craftsmanship. **La-Z-Boy Chair Co. Free.**

70. RATTAN AND RAWHIDE. New booklet with beautiful pictures acquaints you with the special mood of classic rattan furniture —the way it blends into a style, whether traditional, modern or Oriental, and becomes part of it. **The McGuire Co. 50¢.**

71. INDOOR-OUTDOOR FURNITURE. This 16-page color brochure shows a variety of Meadowcraft designs in indoor and outdoor settings. Sent with the booklet is a full listing of dealers in all regions. **Meadowcraft. 50¢.**

72. "THE FUN OF DECORATING WITH AMERICAN TRADITIONAL FURNITURE." Here are 216 pages of imaginative ideas in decorating—with hundreds of secrets used by professional decorators, including new ways to use color, find space and mix decorating moods, plus a showing of American traditional designs. **Pennsylvania House. $3.**

73. "BRINGING BEAUTY TO THE HOME." An 18-page color guidebook discusses the basics of room planning, choosing upholstered furniture, using decorative accents, caring for furniture. **Riverside Furniture Corp. Free.**

74. EARLY AMERICAN FURNITURE. This colorful brochure features the entire Pioneer Treasury collection of Early American dining and occasional furniture. It includes full dimensions for each piece to help you with your decorating. **Temple-Stuart Co. 15¢.**

75. "FURNITURE DESIGNED FOR GRACIOUS LIVING." This 52-page brochure contains many lovely photographs of bedroom and dining room furniture, breakfronts, wall cabinets and occasional pieces to give you ideas to use throughout your home. **Union National Inc. $1.50.**

76. BENNINGTON SOLID PINE FURNITURE COLLECTION. Attractive brochure has room settings and individual illustrations of "Freedom Period" furniture, crafted of antiqued Vermont pine for bedroom, dining, living and family room—designs based on masterpieces from America's past. **Vermont Furniture Co. 25¢.**

77. WEIMAN BROCHURES. Weiman's dramatic new Regency Collection of fine living and dining room, occasional and upholstered furniture is featured in a new color brochure, with Weiman's Warren-Lloyd Collection of upholstered furniture in a second pamphlet. **The Weiman Co. Free.**

78. DECORATING GUIDE. New 48-page brochure displays the complete Tiara II collection of bedroom and dining room furniture: Ageless, classic styling that mixes with several decorating schemes. **White of Mebane. 50¢.**

79. "WOODARD . . . IDEAS FOR THE GREAT INDOORS." Turn through these 24 pages and you'll find a host of colorful ideas for decorating every room in your home for the way we live today. **Lee L. Woodard Sons Inc. $1.**

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80. JACKSON & PERKINS. This is a color Christmas gifts catalog that celebrates nature, offering gift "rose gardens," flowers that bloom for Christmas, delicate vases, rose stationary and wind bells. **Jackson & Perkins. Free.**

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

81. FACTS ABOUT HUMIDIFICATION. This easy-to-understand eight-page booklet talks about relative humidity in the home—how it's determined and why added humidity is so important during the heating season—and has a check list of questions to ask your heating dealer when selecting a humidifier. **Research Products Corp. Free.**

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84. 1974 FRIGIDAIRE APPLIANCE CATALOG. These 80 pages in full color show models of all of the firm's major product lines, with detailed specifications of all. **Frigidaire Division, GMC. 25¢.**

85. "CREATIVE KITCHENS AND LAUNDRIES." A guide to remodeling your kitchen or laundry or designing a new one, this book has step-by-step planning ideas. Almost everything you need to know is here . . . from planning

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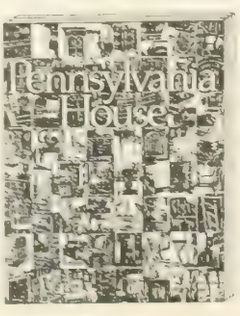
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Consider the sophisticated country house (*above*), where owner Anthony Tortora, with Designer J. Hyde Crawford, filled one room in a year-round retreat in classic blue and white in the rag rug, chintz curtains and a Matisse-inspired print by Quadrille. FELICIANO







Chintz is back and it's never too much of a good thing when teamed with yellow and white for a *très charmant* bed/sitting room (*top left*). This ubiquitous floral print—to color a wall, cover the love seat, ottoman and easy chair—is the same fabric as the ready-made bedspreads and draperies made by Croscill. **Traditional dining** with an ethnic stance? Not only possible, but certain when the room is in Mr. and Mrs. Norton Mailman's New York apartment (*above*), designed by Ellen L. McCluskey Associates. The color of gemstone turquoise distinguishes the leather-upholstered Queen Anne chairs around the Duncan Phyfe table. An Indian motif rug works with the elegant appointments. **Deep brown walls,** like molten chocolate, and stark white outlining define the starting point for a most unusual interplay of colors (*left*). Mauves, blues and a floral print for shades and draperies give this room, designed by Rona Levine for the North Shore Science Museum Designers' Showcase House in Glen Cove, N.Y., immense appeal. **The family room** by its very nature means relaxation, a sense of sturdiness in the furnishings, warmth. Designer Joseph Braswell provides all these elements for a successful room (*right*). Brass-trimmed bookcases (with navy blue shelves), plaids and zig-zags make a compatible mix.

TOP LEFT, HARRY HARTMAN; TOP CENTER, O. PHILIP ROEDEL; LOWER LEFT, FELICIANO; RIGHT, BILL HELMS





Tradition always guarantees a poetic mood, classic styling with neither color nor pattern in any way jarring to the senses. Add the qualities of tradition to the character of the feminine and the resultant room will be the prettiest of bedrooms (*right*). Katherine Stephens Associates designed with flowers—quilted bedspread, scalloped valance and ruffled curtains. **In a New York maisonette,** rich colors, Oriental pieces, contemporary effects make an exciting living room for today's tempo (*below*). Designer Richard Himmel has used an exquisite, ceiling-high Coromandel screen as the backdrop for silhouetting white furniture and gypsy-colored accessories. **A custom-made chaise,** placed front and center in the room, ties this side together with the window end of the living room (*below right*). Creamy whites dominate; an original painting is perfectly placed here. **The significant dining room** (*left*) here is ruled by a triumvirate of vivid colors—red, yellow and green—adroitly controlled by Designer Michael de Santis. Subdued flooring, stained apple green, is topped with an Indian-inspired rug. Fully upholstered dining chairs in a mini-print are a departure from the standard; crystal accessories enhance the red commode.

ABOVE AND RIGHT, BILL HELMS; BELOW, HARRY HARTMAN













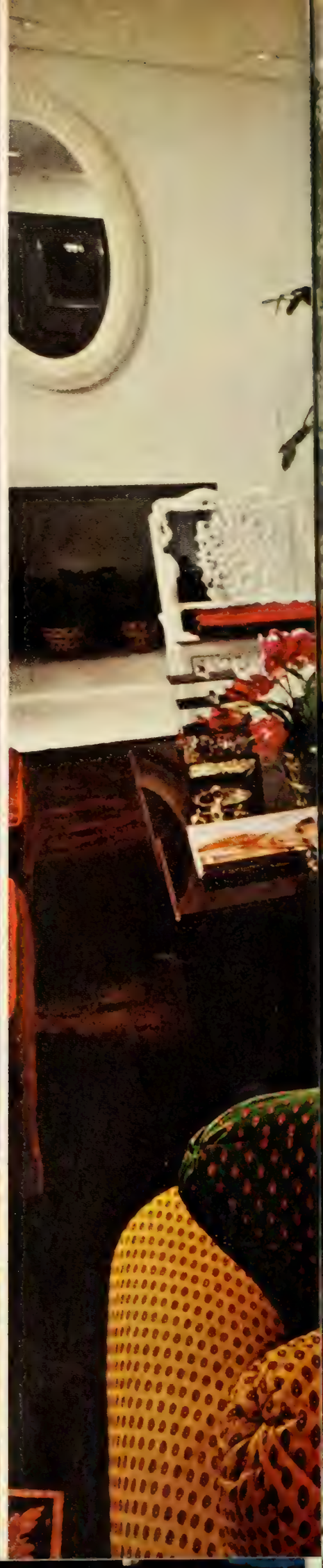


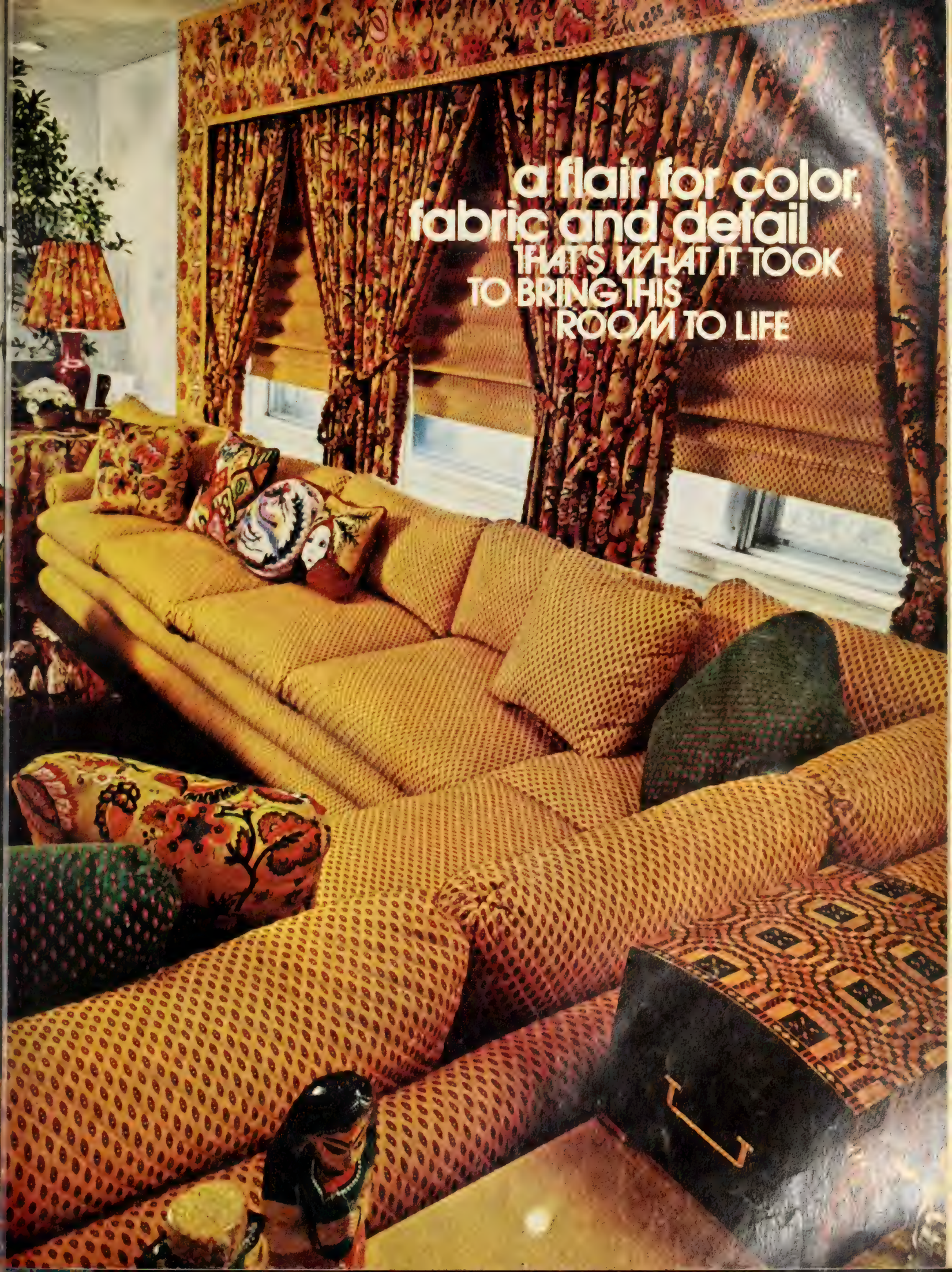


Editor JACK MACURDY □ **What you see here was once a cheerless and uninspired living room in King's Point, Long Island. An interior designer's *couture* flair for color, fabric and meticulous detail has made it a room of lush elegance. Designer Rose L. Bengisu painted the original drab blue walls a sparkling white. Before the window wall *(right)* she placed a 12-foot-long, superluxurious sofa, covered in diamond stitch quilting and piled with printed cotton and needlepoint pillows (worked by the owner) that curves to a 6-foot section backed by a narrow table for display of handsome *objets:* Lucite cubes, a Russian box and Indian dolls. Roman blinds and a cornice upholstered in Boussac's printed cotton frame the window. In another section of the room *(below right)*, a mirrored corner, previously a clumsy spot, becomes a sparkling jewel box through the use of ceiling lights and a smaller looking glass. The plank floor, bleached and pickled antique white, extends into a dining room as green as the hills of Killarney *(above and below left)* where a Portuguese needlepoint rug is in the colors of the glazed chintz that covers the walls and ceiling.** BILL HELMS








a flair for color,
fabric and detail
THAT'S WHAT IT TOOK
TO BRING THIS
ROOM TO LIFE



COLLECTOR'S REALM OF QUIET BEAUTY

Editor JACK MACURDY □ The grandeur of the 18th-century French *beau monde* has been captured in every space of Mrs. Samuel Cooke's duplex apartment. Originally a Philadelphian, Mrs. Cooke's relocation to New York City meant accommodating her extensive collection of fine furniture and antiques in much smaller quarters. Designer George Doan sorted out the pieces that were in proper scale, then recreated the texture of another era.

The living room tableau (*above*) represents a very refined, very distinct collector's taste. The rug, an Aubusson copy, puts summer bouquets decoratively underfoot. Edward Tarbell's "Portrait of a Young Woman" graces a













partially mirrored wall above the brocade-covered sofa. The Louis XVI-style coffee table was made to fit a marble top (inlaid with Pompeian motifs) acquired by Mrs. Cooke on a European trip. Exquisite details to note: a Louis XV marquise exhibiting a silk pillow with an amatory message in needlepoint (*top center*); two chairs, both Louis XV, flanking a lacquered red commode (*top right*). One of a pair of gilt console tables holds a Sèvres cachepot (*center*); a Louis XVI chair is covered in striped silk shirred to a medial sunburst (*center right*). At the wall opposite the windows, Designer Doan has placed an 18th-century Italian console flanked by painted-and-gilt chairs (*right*).

MARIS/SEMEL





Designer George Doan has worked masterfully to compose this well-appointed room —approachably formal for elegant dining *par excellence* (*left*). At the antique dining table, many of Mrs. Cooke's treasures: Louis XV-style chairs (from the collection of Norman Norell); the epergne, an 18th-century silver basket with an arrangement of fresh flowers. Overhead lighting from a Continental porcelain chandelier glistens on crystal. A Louis XVI *desserte* set between the shuttered windows holds a collection of silver and opaline. In another view (*below*), special details account for this room's certain radiance: an antique sunburst, mirrors.

The hallway (*right*) reveals a splendor all its own. Standing to the left of the staircase is a polychromed 18-century clock by Delameilleraye of Calais. The mural, an important, highly decorative contribution to the beauty of this French atmosphere, was executed by the distinguished painter Arthur Long. The combination of pastoral theme with classic mural technique gives the illusion of space while also uniting both floors of this duplex (*below right*).







FROM SEVERAL ERAS, *A* FEELING OF SPLENDID *HARMONY* IN THE FRENCH *MODE*







IN HER PRIVATE DOMAIN, A GRACEFUL MIX BOTH REGAL AND RELAXING





The second-floor master bedroom is an interplay of Gallic grace (*above*). Shutters and feathery plants allow just the right amount of a French country look in an otherwise regal setting. The atmosphere is relaxing, the spaces well-planned, with every notable piece in its place. Texture is limited to the silky, the feminine—the French linen rug, splashed with a *mille-fleurs* pattern; the curtains in off-white silk trimmed in multicolored fringe that incorporates all the colors in the juxtaposed wallpaper. And this, too, is unique. The paper, with birds and flowers hand-painted in the Orient, purveyed by Louis Bowen. Upholstered headboard and coordinating bedspreads are both in a luxurious yellow silk-velvet. Lighting is pretty, supplied at bedside by a pair of 19th-century green glass lamps. As much

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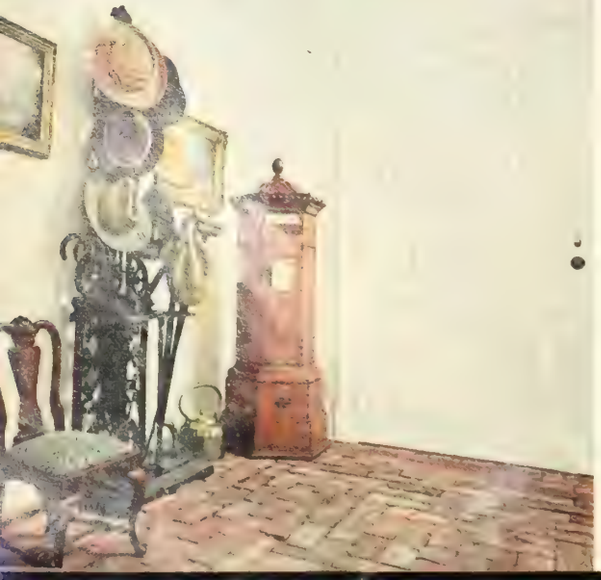


a superb bedroom as it is, furniture selection and location transform it into a sitting room as well. The area for afternoon tea or reading can be at Mrs. Cooke's settee and its flanking chairs, all three Louis XV. The tea table, with an Oriental export base, is topped by a pink enamel flower-decorated inset. Other points in the room are further evidence of a collector's discerning preferences. The secretary in marquetry and gilt bronze (*top left*) functions as a writing desk and as a showcase for cherished bibelots. Above the commode (*top center*), Empire sconces flank a rectangular painted-and-gilt carved Louis•XV mirror.

In the guestroom/study, Designer Doan establishes a warm background with the addition of the oak *boiserie* (*left*). A section of it, vis-à-vis the bed, has been built to incorporate a TV and music center (not shown). Again, the skillful mix of cultures results in harmony. Very chic, contemporary Ultrasuede covers a Louis XVI daybed painted in a soft grey-green. The porcelain tray in front of it, in shades of mauve-white, echoes the colors of the rug—a copy of an antique Dhurrie. At the side wall is a small writing table with a canvas top now painted in an 18th-century genre. For seating, there's a Louis XVI cane chair. On the wall directly above the table, Doan has hung an antique black lacquer clock with matching bracket. At the far end of the room, Mrs. Cooke's collection of silver articulated fish are displayed on a small commode (*center left*), pointed up by a pair of unusual French candlesticks and an early 18th-century gilt mirror reflecting from above.

ROMANTIC RETREAT TO SOOTHE THE EYE AND THE SPIRIT





Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ **Every weekend, Bill and Susan Fine, urbanites of energy and style, escape the high-pressure New York world of demanding careers—he is president of Wamsutta; she is in the public relations business—to a pastoral setting in Connecticut. Tucked into the gentle countryside with a duck pond and magnificent old trees is an unpretentious clapboard house that beautifully refreshes the city spirit. Its design for living reaches beyond mere decorating: It is—in all senses—young, romantic, disarmingly informal.**

In this collaboration of happy rapport, the Fines and Interior Designer Peter Neil (who happens to be the director of design at Wamsutta and a personal friend) agreed on the theme: an interplay of blue-and-white cottons used throughout, but in various scales; a mix of mahogany and white furniture, Chinese straw area rugs, uncurtained windows, because the property's landscaping offers natural privacy and the Fines wanted as much light-flow as possible. In the charming and unaffected living room (*right*), upholstered furniture, including the miniature chairs that Susan collects, is covered in blue-and-white cottons in a fish-eye plaid, a geometric, a floral. Over the mantel, her collection of porcelain. The library's mix of scale (*above*): two sizes of checkerboards—one, for a change of pace, used on the diagonal. A battered entrance floor was replaced by old brick laid by Susan in a traditional garden pattern (*left*). In the corner, an old hatrack holds Bill Fine's whimsical collection of country hats that he has gathered from all over the world.

BILL HELMS


COUNTRY
CHIC

FOR ALL THE VARIED WAYS OF LIFE AT WEEK'S END...



Activities spill over completely in the Fine house. Dinner is served in the dining room (*above*) or on rolling tables in front of the fireplace. Breakfast in the library, with papers spread all over, is a weekend custom. The dining table is a favorite place for rounds of backgammon. When dinner is served formally in the dining room, the table is set with delightful inconsistencies: Porthault linens and china matched to the blue of Chinese porcelain are combined with 59-cent navy blue scarves used as napkins. An inexpensive blue-and-white bandana print covers the chair cushions. In this uncurtained surround, the only decoration is a niche that holds a porcelain vase. And just beyond, a cool glassed-in porch. In their master bedroom (*above right*), the decorative theme of the house is varied somewhat. Here, some of the windows are curtained and an overscaled bed is covered in a dark green chintz with flecks of colored flowers. Off this room is Bill Fine's study (*near right*), often used as a second sitting room. In the guestroom (*far right below*), whitewashed siding backdrops beds covered in Wamsutta's "Good Morning Baskets," designed by Peter Neil. Both of the Fines adore Ireland and, with a few exceptions, the paintings throughout are old "I love it" Irish works. "I love it," the Fines say, is their major criterion for out-of-the-country purchases. "I love it" is a common response to their house.

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Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ **A million dollars worth of verve, that really priceless pizzazz that costs more in imagination and decorating derring-do than it does in money—that is what Ellen McCluskey Associates has given this house in the Long Island Hamptons. Except for the owner's art collection, decorative accessories, the whimsical "hand" chair and tree stump tables, all basic furnishings and fabrics come from Sears. So does the paint that was inventively used to brighten these formerly dark rooms with young, lively color and pattern. The living room (*right and center left*), its walls slashed with stripes and lightning streaks of sharp yellow and white, has the vibrance of a giant graphic. The effect is emphasized in the stripes painted on cube tables and the bold, varied geometry of black-and-white cushions. Ellen McCluskey designed these and the banquettes, which are essentially poufs**

make a graphic of the living room

upholstered in linenlike fabric and laid on a wood framework covered in grasscloth wallcovering and in the upholstery fabric. Chrome-and-glass bunching tables take a new twist here: See them stacked vertically to become an étagère for part of the owner's exotic sculpture collection. The black Chippendale chairs as well as the 15-inch-square wooden cube tables are bought ready to be painted. The living room flows out into a tiled and glassy sunroom (*top and bottom left*), so the two rooms become as one, furnished with similar black-and-white zing. Three striped cubes bunch together as a coffee table and single cubes are surfaces for small meals or games. Throughout the house, windows are treated with great simplicity—curtainless as seen here, with mini-Venetian blinds or straight curtains hung from sturdy lacquered poles.

FELICIANO

IDEAS! THEY GIVE THIS HOUSE ITS VERVE




stage your galas in

As Ellen McCluskey Associates proves here, a family room can be as receptive to special guests as to the casual lounging and the occasional roughhouse of the family itself. The answer is in furnishings that combine ruggedness with a certain chic that both family and

the family room

guests deserve. And if the furniture and accessories are of such mobility that they can be moved about and comfortably rearranged on the spur of the moment for impromptu needs, that's very much to the good. Ruggedly, the floors are paint-striped and well lacquered over; sectional seating is covered in houndstooth check, sometimes varied with lineny off-white slipcovers (*below*). The checkered coffee table is nine bunched, painted cubes. The black-and-white carry-over from the living room is accentuated by pungent primary color in Haitian primitives and blue-black and white in a checkered area rug (kick cubes and rug aside for dancing). Beyond the cozy partitioning of willow chairs (easily moved when more floor space is needed), two round tables, each seating eight (*below and right*), provide unapologetically pleasant dining space for a gala of 16 guests, happily, indeed elegantly served from a setting of flowery chintz and ironstone—more good looks from Sears. Other times, these tables are for family meals, games, sewing, whatever. Here, ready-to-paint Chippendale chairs have been stained light walnut and cushioned in tangerine corduroy.







Delightfully, unexpectedly, the house changes its pace in the two bedrooms. The guestroom, cool and sparkling as a limeade (*below*), suggests a Victorian summer house, with the nostalgic curlicues of hand-woven rattan shiny-white against a green calico print and a floor stenciled to suggest the pattern of a star quilt—a design of Ellen McCluskey. The bedspread and drapery fabric, laminated to paper, also covers the walls. Skirted table between the fan-back chairs is a fiberboard base and top draped with a circular white cloth. Beds open to reveal polka dot sheets (*lower left*) in a green that matches the room's over-all fabric—a piece of color coordination by Sears. Bathroom (*left*), in a sunburst of yellow and white, borrows the guestroom theme of a stenciled floor and woven rattan, carrying out the wickery look in its cane wallcovering pattern. The master bedroom's testered four-posters (*right*) suggest that Scarlett might have slept here,

vary the atmosphere with wicker here,

written notes at the roll-top desk, taken her rest in the bentwood rocker between morning Germans and afternoon teas. (Rocker comes ready to be painted.) The use of fabric is contemporary—a ticking-stripe pattern in red for spreads and tester lining, in black for tester and bed ruffles. Walls are covered in black-and-white cotton print, laminated to paper, and the bed linens are a surprising red denim. The floor, under a velvet rug, is a painted spatterdash of red and black on white.

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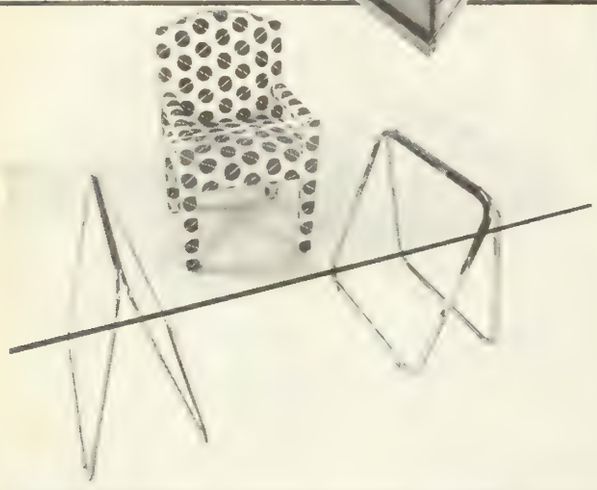


a bit of romance there



Editor KATHLEEN MAHONEY □ **Desks for every age and occasion, adding more than mere work space to the rooms they occupy: At right, the classic lawyer's roll-top desk (shown closed and open) has lots of hideaways for notes; of solid pine, from the Burnt Chimneys Collection by Finishing Touch. Below, an all-purpose writing table with glass top and chrome saw horses as a base; by Selig. A totally upholstered armchair by Philip Daniel, goes from desk to living room easily.**







FROM CLEAR AND CLEAN TO THE CLASSIC ROLL-TOP, DESKS

READY TO SERVE YOUR PERSONAL NEEDS





This sturdy storage unit (left) has three drawers at the bottom and includes a drop-lid writing surface with pigeonholes and a light inside. Additional chests and shelves in the same style are available to build into a wall unit. "Nuvogue" elm finish on simulated wood components, by Bassett Furniture. At right, cherry lady's desk in a classic spoon-foot design by Pennsylvania House has a double-hinged writing panel that still exposes the drawers when closed. The upper section has eight drawers and shelves behind the doors.

The Wellington Secretary at right (shown closed and open) is an adaptation by National Mt. Airy of one on Lord Wellington's flagship. The base here is heavy, like the original, designed so the desk could be screwed down to the deck. Closed, it looks like a chest, the side column turns to open the writing surface. With English Regency styling, it is finished in mahogany, with solid handmade brass hardware and inside light, tooled calf's skin leather on the writing surface and three bottom drawers. It is also available in three other styles.



A black lacquer Chinoiserie desk in the Louis XV style (above left) has delicate gold decoration outlining its graceful curves. The chair is Chippendale faux bamboo in black lacquer with pad in the color of your choice. Both by Baker, Knapp & Tubbs. A quick pick-up for anyone, this folding desk (left) designed by Gian Carlo Piretti is perfect for apartment-dwellers. By Castelli Furniture, through Luten-Clarey-Stern, it weighs only 25 pounds and will fold up to two inches wide. A contemporary variation reminiscent of school desks, it has a chrome tubular steel frame, rigid polyurethane top with optional pencil well and self-locking joints. It comes in a choice of beige or black, white, red, brown or blue. This opaque plastic Plia ABS chair with tubular steel frame comes in the same colors, as well as clear. These two partners would make a most sturdy addition to any school-age child's room.

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The beautifully shaped George Washington desk (right) with Queen Anne legs, duck feet and a five-drawer cabinet was inspired by a desk in a Cambridge, Mass., house that Washington once used as his headquarters. Made of pine, it has a warm honey finish. The ladderback side chair with rush seat is a classic Early American complement. Both are by Plymwood's Sugar Hill Pine. For the traditionally minded, they add up to make a stylish accent in a living room, den or study.

SUPER THUMBS

TO HELP YOU GREEN YOUR ENVIRONMENT, NINE EXPERTS SHARE THEIR SECRETS ABOUT GROWING ALL KINDS OF HOUSE PLANTS: FLOWERS AND LEAFY TREES, PLANTS IN BASKETS AND IN TERRARIUMS. HOW TO GROW NEARLY ANYTHING IN ARTIFICIAL LIGHT. TIPS ON THE BEST POTTING SOILS, FEEDING, WATERING, MAINTENANCE AND COPING WITH BUGS.

By ELVIN McDONALD

MARC CATHEY



MARC CATHEY, as head of ornamentals investigation for the United States Department of Agriculture, headquartered in Beltsville, Md., supervises programs aimed at solving real problems for amateur as well as commercial growers. To get started with house plants, Dr. Cathey suggests growing in water. "You can use any vase, beverage bottle, aquarium, even an old canning jar." Plants he recommends include geranium, peperomia, aluminum plant, impatiens, begonia, hibiscus, coleus, aucuba, English ivy, hoya, Chinese evergreen, plectranthus and grape-ivy. Make cuttings of healthy growth. Remove any leaves along the lower stem that would be in the water, then arrange the cuttings loosely in the container. Before using any container, wash it in warm, soapy water. Rinse, dry, then fill with fresh water. Also wash and rinse the plant material; this removes pests. In the Cathey home, one window is filled with old, new, unusual and colored bottles filled with water and thriving rooted cuttings. This is the kind of gardening experience Dr. Cathey champions, because it can be done by anyone under almost any circumstance. "All you have to do is add water to replace that lost by evaporation." For best long-term results, he also advises that water be replaced once a month to control algae and that a water-soluble house-plant fertilizer be added to the water at one-fourth to one-fifth the rate recommended by the manufacturer for potted house plants; use a measuring spoon.



CAROL PORTMAN

CAROL PORTMAN is quite simply mad for plants. At her shop in New York's Bergdorf Goodman, plant parenthood is not taken casually. You are allowed to adopt what she feels you can succeed with, and certain plants are her pets, not for sale to anyone. "I want people to understand I really love plants." And love them she does, all over the store, in her apartment and in the country. She has switched the entire store to live plant materials. Best-lasting in dim light are dracaenas Janet Craig and *marginata* and palms. She prefers the kentia, but is forced to use arecas because of their availability. Advice from Carol has the unmistakable ring of real experience. On clay pots: "These drink water the same as soil. Once every two weeks, submerge the entire pot in water for 15 minutes." On soil: "Most packaged potting soils need perlite and vermiculite added to them. Experiment, the same as you do with cooking. At home I spread an old shower curtain on the kitchen table and mix my potting soil. It's really fun." On soil pH: "Excepting gardenia, azalea and citrus, most house plants need a sweet soil. Spider plant is especially sensitive. The symptom is a black strip down the leaves. The cure is to scratch a teaspoon or two of agricultural lime into the soil. Also cultivate surface soil in pots the same as you would outdoors. All you need is a kitchen fork." On ventilation: "People who buy plants for the first time seem to think they have to keep the windows closed. When the weather is warm, keep windows open part of the time. It's a fantastic experience for pot plants." On buying: "Avoid bargains. There are none. Never buy from a store that keeps plants on the sidewalk in near-freezing weather. This puts tropicals in terminal shock, and after you've brought them home, with high hopes, they slowly die—a very depressing experience." On humidity: "Set pots in saucers or trays with wood chips in the bottom. Add water to the chips, but not enough to touch the pot bases. Containers of fresh water sitting among your plants also evaporate moisture into the air." On decorating: "Clay pot-saucers sweat. Buy a piece of cork and cut it to fit underneath, otherwise moisture seepage will ruin floors and carpeting." On favorite plants: "Try something besides grape-ivy and philodendron. Polypodium and davallia ferns are terrific, also begonias."



ALLAN & MARCIA SCHULTE

ALLAN AND MARCIA SCHULTE three years ago adopted a huge jade plant that they named Jason. Before they knew it, Allan had given up brokering, Marcia had given up teaching and they had opened a little plant shop. It grew, divided, and now there is a third, all three in Cleveland, all called Big Plants Unlimited. What tree-size house plants do they recommend? "*Ficus benjamina*, weeping fig, is the most disease-resistant. Big, old dizygothecas are easy; the young ones are difficult. Among palms, kentias [like the one in the picture] are favored but hard to find. We love beaucarnea or ponytail and *Pleomele reflexa* trained as a tree standard; both look African. One of the few really big plants that requires little light is *Dracaena massangeana*." To keep foliage clean, take a damp cloth or sponge in one hand, a clean, dry one in the other. Sandwich the leaves between. "This is quick and effective, the way we do it in the stores." To clean the small leaves of *Ficus benjamina*, put it outdoors in a warm rain. What plants are good if you don't have much light? "Any Chinese evergreen or aglaonema. Aspidistra will grow in near darkness. *Spathiphyllum clevelandi* and *Dracaena marginata*, our most popular plant, also survive poor light. At home we have a nine-foot rhapis palm sustained by two Cool-Beam incandescent floodlights positioned about four feet away and burned 10 to 12 hours daily." What about bugs? "Zectran solves most problems. For red spider-mite, spray alternately with Kelthane and Dimite. Use misters and mix your own pesticide." Purely for fun, Marcia collects miniature ferns which she keeps in a kitchen window and Allan has various polyscias planted in Chinese pots. Without much age or training, they appear to be bonsai.

RIGHT, FRANK ALEX SANDROWICZ BLACK STAR; OTHERS, BILL HELMS

SANDRA MAURO



SANDRA MAURO was out for a weekend drive a few years ago when she noticed signs announcing a flower show. She stopped, she looked, she was amazed. She brought her husband, Albert, back, and although neither had gardened before, Sandra now has an embarrassment of blue ribbons and he is president of the Garden Center Association of Kansas City. Growing plants indoors is an even more recent experience for Sandra. "I was awed at the idea of being totally responsible for a plant, but then Albert gave me a 12 by 12-foot greenhouse and I was into it seriously. Now our children are too, especially Maria. When I go plant hunting, she gives her allowance to me so I can pick out something special. Her pet is the mother fern, *Asplenium bulbiferum*. She cuts the bulbils off the leaves and sells them to me for a quarter. These are great for terrarium plantings where they root and grow." Sandra now teaches horticulture to six classes of children yearly. "First I take them into the greenhouse and explain some of the more usual plants, like the rosary vine. They feel, squeeze, smell and finally pick out what they want. Cuttings may already be rooted, or I teach them how to make new ones." Terrariums are Sandra's specialty. "I use jars I can reach into so it is a real gardening experience. For children, large pickle jars from a drive-in or a hospital kitchen are perfect. To plant, first add a thick layer of charcoal chips in the bottom, then the growing medium." Sandra uses the Missouri Botanic Garden mix, made according to this recipe: 3 parts black peat moss, 1 part pasteurized soil, 1 part vermiculite. To each gallon of mix, add ¼ cup bone meal. Moisten. Put in a plastic bag and let cure for four to five weeks, at which time it will have reached a high level of biological activity and is ideal for planting. "For an upright plant, I like boxwood or dwarf euonymus. They grow slowly, are amenable to trimming. To use small-leaved English ivies like Hahn's, Needlepoint, *scutifolia* and *conglomerata*, simply make cuttings and insert them, unrooted, in the terrarium." Sandra also recommends any small fern, miniature gloxinias, selaginellas, strawberry-geranium, earth star bromeliads or cryptanthus and miniature rex begonias. General planting advice for terrariums: "Make natural landscapes with hills and valleys. Don't jam the container with plants. Allow contrast in scale; leave open spaces. Create a scene in miniature, true to nature. As plants grow, clip off any excessive growth. Also promptly remove any yellowing or dead leaves and spent flowers. Terrariums need bright or reflected light, but little or no direct sun striking them."

MICHAEL KARTUZ

MICHAEL KARTUZ studied music theory and composition at New York University, all the while hybridizing gloxinias, African violets and begonias at home. After graduation, he spent 10 years working for a major oil company, then decided that plants were really his thing. He moved to Wilmington, a Boston suburb, and ever since the plants, as well as the Kartuz greenhouses, have been on the increase. Now his green thumbs never touch the ivories, but he plays music in the greenhouses and says, quite emphatically, "Serious music makes plants grow, rock kills them." The best flowering plant for houses and apartments? "The African violet. There are thousands of varieties. If one doesn't do well, try another." The related columneas are equally outstanding. New hybrids bloom nonstop, lining short, bushy or cascading stems with pink, rose, red or yellow flowers. Michael is too shy to say so, but some of his own columnea hybrids are ranked among the best: Magic Lantern, Mary Ann, Ramadan, Robin, Sylvia and Yellow Hammer. The other rapidly rising stars of flowering house plants are Rieger begonias, which Michael is holding in the photograph here; rex begonias show in the foreground. Michael grows everything in a soil-less mix, prepared according to this recipe: 2 quarts sphagnum peat moss, screened; 1 quart Terralite vermiculite; 1 quart coarse perlite; 1 tablespoon ground limestone. Put all ingredients in a suitable container and mix well. Use immediately or store indefinitely. The peat moss should be rubbed through a half-inch mesh hardware cloth sieve to remove lumps and small twigs. Use Canadian or European peat. Moisten the mix prior to use. Feed lightly but frequently in soil-less. This mix can be used for any pot plant. Ingredients are lightweight, easily found.



ABOVE, HANK YOUNG; BLACK STAR; RIGHT, IVAN MASSAR BLACK STAR

WALDO DONAHO



LEFT, FRANK ALEX SANDROWICZ BLACK STAR. BELOW, BILL HELMS

WALDO DONAHO, a professional grower at Burton Flower and Garden, Burton, Ohio, 30 miles east of Cleveland, began with 10 plants in hanging baskets in 1958. This year, there are 10,000 house-plant baskets, not to mention thousands produced for outdoors. The spider plant he is shown with is growing in a new basket he developed for a division of Pet Inc., designed with a hidden saucer. Waldo is willing to try any plant in a basket. If it does well under greenhouse conditions, he gives it the acid test as a house plant before it goes into production. Flowering hanging baskets he recommends include columneas Early Bird and Firebird, the small angel-wing begonias, the Polka Dot vinca ("This flowered all last summer in a north-facing window of an office here"), hypocyrta or goldfish plant and variegated flowering-maple. For foliage baskets, he first suggests succulents, among them: sedum (especially a hybrid form of burro's-tail), trailing echeveria, *Oscularia deltoides*, string of pearls, rhipsalis, kalanchoe and peanut cactus. Among leafy basket plants, Waldo prefers wandering Jew ("purple-and-silver zebrina for sun, the one with white-striped green leaves for shade"). For a small basket, try English baby's-tears (*Pilea depressa*). Cape ivy (a senecio) he finds impossible to kill, in sun or shade. Also highly rated: any Swedish-ivy, rabbit's-foot fern, grape-ivy, kangaroo vine and spider plant ("The leaf tips die back every time it dries out severely"). What to plant in? "A soil-less medium such as Jiffy Mix. Feed, water, trim back regularly."

GEORGE & VIRGINIE ELBERT



GEORGE AND VIRGINIE ELBERT offer proof in their New York apartment that almost anything can be grown indoors and under fluorescent light. George, president of the Indoor Light Gardening Society, is today's most articulate spokesman for raising plants without natural light and is author of *The Indoor Light Gardening Book* (Crown; $10.95). Together he and Virginie have written *Fun with Terrarium Gardening* and *Fun with Growing Herbs Indoors* (both Crown; $5.95 each). To grow plants under fluorescent light, the best combination is one Warm White with one Cool White; no supplementary incandescent is recommended. To augment natural light for large house plants or trees, use Cool Beam or Cool-Lux incandescent floodlights in ceramic sockets. These are available in sizes from 75 to 300 watts and can be burned six to 12 hours out of every 24. All the Elberts' plant lights are on timers, originally set for 16-hour days. Last winter, they reduced this to 12 without any bad effects. Day-length of 14 hours is probably the happy medium. To get started, the Elberts recommend one unit with two tubes, either 20- or 40-watt, placed about 20 inches above a table or shelf, or even under a coffee table, kitchen cabinet or in a fireplace (as they have done). There, in one fish-tank terrarium under two 20-watt fluorescents, they grow fittonia, rex begonia, selaginella, *Peperomia puteolata*, a small fern and, for flowers, episcia, crape-myrtlette and *Gesneria cuneifolia*. In another light setup, they have the Kartuz hybrid gesneria Lemon Drop, which has bloomed nonstop for three years. Most remarkable is the variety of plants the Elberts grow under fluorescents. A sampling: carissa, malpighia and portulacaria as bonsai; cacti from seeds; *Anthurium crystallinum*, which George is holding in the photograph; flowering allophyton, cuphea, hoya, jacobinia, seemania, crossandra, miniature gloxinia, hypocyrta, Moon Chimes abutilon and exacum, and many fragrant herbs.





Editor KATHLEEN MAHONEY ☐ **A salute herewith to the renaissance of pine, interpreted now in new designs with classic, appealing warmth. . . . At left, two views of a hunt board with hand-pegged look and louvered doors, from the Kinsmen Collection by American Drew. Below, a tulip-design on a Connecticut blanket chest by Heywood-Wakefield, with lift-up top and storage space galore in the deep drawer below, all harking back to its 17th-century counterpart.**

TRADITIONAL, COUNTRY OR MODERN- YOU'LL DISCOVER

PINE IS FINE

AS AN ACCENT IN ANY ROOM- FROM FORMAL TO FUN







An authentic re production of a Shaker origina made in New Leb anon, N.Y., afte 1800, this bar/ side table come in handcrafte kit with lift-off tray By Cohasset Colonials The bench with rush sea (below), imported from Spai by Bloomingdale's, is made of pickle pine and has turned legs.—a per fect extra seat or a foot rest



Rocking chairs are indigenous to America, a unique heritage. The Early American adaptation (above left) is a sturdy, contoured and comfortable rocker with extra-thick saddle seat, turned legs and splat back. Made by Bennington Pine. Above right, from the Ponderosa Country Collection by Brown-Saltman, an armoire with hand-cast iron pulls and unusual weathered, textured finish has four-foot tray drawers behind doors.



A drop-leaf gateleg dining table (right) with knuckle hinge, from the American Tour Collection by Heritage, is an adaptation of a late 17th- or early 18th-century antique table.

Light pine extension sofa (above) is a contemporary approach to the sleep sofa, folding out easily to double bed size with Pincore latex foam rubber mattress. Imported from Finland by Design Research. The scalloped frame (left) gives a rustic look to this mirror by Tyndale. Below, by London-Marquis of Los Angeles and available at Luten-Clarey-Stern, a chunky peeled pine log armless chair.

MICHEL-ALEXIS TCHEREVKOFF

A curio cabinet of English pine (top), adapted from an 18th-century piece, has a weathered pine finish, storage space at the bottom and glass shelves at the top with lighting for china. By Baker, Knapp & Tubbs. The Limoges porcelain inside, "Summer Song," by Denby. Above, an octagonal commode from the Tahoe Collection by American of Martinsville, of pine solids and veneers with plank-look sides and top.



A PORTFOLIO OF ROOMS FROM THE 'SHOWCASE HOUSE' AND THE MODEL APARTMENT: TWO WAYS INTERIOR DESIGNERS BRING THEIR TALENTS TO PUBLIC VIEW

designers ON display

INTERIOR DESIGNERS—ARTISTS OR ARTISANS, CREATORS OR COORDINATORS? THE DEFINITION IS DEBATABLE, DEPENDENT UPON THE CREDENTIALS (AND THE PREJUDICES) OF THE DEFINER. ONE THING, HOWEVER, IS APPARENT. DESIGNERS DO SHARE A NEED COMMON TO OTHERS INVOLVED IN AN ART FORM (AND INTERIOR DESIGN IS AN APPLIED ART)—THAT FOR A STAGE UPON WHICH TO DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS. THIS IS A NEED PERHAPS BEST FULFILLED BY TWO DEVICES STRUCTURED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM PUBLIC EXPOSURE—THE "SHOWCASE HOUSE" AND THE MODEL APARTMENT. AS A DESIGN INDEX, RESULTS CAN BE MIXED. AT BEST, THEY CAN EMERGE AS A TREASURY OF SPACE USAGE SOLUTIONS AND OF INNOVATIVE GUIDELINES TO SELECTION OF FURNISHINGS. AT WORST THEY BECOME TOO THEATRICAL, EXERCISES IN "SET DECORATING" RATHER THAN REALISM. AND SINCE, AS A RULE, EACH ROOM IN THE HOUSE OR APARTMENT IS DONE BY A DIFFERENT DESIGNER, VIEWERS MUST FILTER THEIR REACTIONS TO THE WHOLE, MENTALLY SEPARATING ROOM FROM ROOM AND JUDGING EACH ON ITS OWN MERITS. BOTH SITUATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE POTENT TOOLS BY WHICH DESIGNERS CAN BRING THEIR WORK TO PUBLIC ATTENTION. HERE WE PRESENT A CROSS-SECTION OF SUCH DISPLAY ROOMS.

From a corner of a man's retreat (*above*) designed by Norman J. Weiner for a Decorators' Show House of the Boston Junior League comes this commanding message: a gentleman's private preserve need not look like a cliché from an old-school club. It is warm and light, with a tall floor lamp, high-backed armchair and an amusing elephant-head table to hold books at the ready.

A group of African masks points the way (*right*) to a super-ethnic mix for a living or a family room. Designed by David Barrett, N.S.I.D., for a model apartment in a Manhattan high-rise called The Bristol, it is a space filled with creative details: macrame shades, an important area rug atop the stenciled-tile floor, a suede banquette that seems to float in the air on a mirrored base.

ABOVE, WILL ROUSSEAU;

david barrett

designers on display



charlotte finn

Could anyone not feel at ease in this high-rise bedroom (*left*)? Designed for The Bristol by Charlotte Finn, N.S.I.D., it is a personification of the modern, livable room—without extremes, personable, interesting, comfortable. Its multi-use character is subtly arrived at: the sleeping area—the bedspread and headboard showing the same quilted fabric—defined by a shag rug; a white-framed chair and the white Plexiglas TV table sitting pristinely on the yellow ceramic tile floor; a clear Plexiglas desk and bamboo-wrapped chair establish a small work area on the opposite side of the room. To note, too, is the manner in which the vividly patterned wallpaper, which could seem a space-tightener, here visually enhances the room's size by carrying the eye around the corner and across the window framed with matching fabric.



joyce, faro & greenhaw



reginald styers

Like many other mansions built in the 1920s, the white clapboard structure designed for the family of Robert Gregg Stone was graced with a charming breakfast room and a Palladian-windowed conservatory. That heritage is readily apparent in this exuberant restyling (*above*) of the morning room by Grazina Seduikis Joyce, James Greenhaw and D. Taft Faro for a Decorators' Show House sponsored by the Junior League of Boston. An octagonal room that sparkles in the early-day sun, it seems casually, whimsically airy. But it is the easy-going mien that comes from thoughtful blending of details—long table skirt and short cloth, minimal curtaining, a cooling show of greenery—elements that could lend a like graceful spirit to a new home where the breakfast area is only a counter away from the kitchen.



Originally patterned after a James River plantation house, this Symphony A.I.D. Designer House in Charlotte, N.C., is marked throughout with excellent replicas of Georgian craftsmanship. Thoroughly typical, for example, is the fireplace in the formal dining room (*far left*), a classic study in architectural symmetry and detailing. Reginald Styers let this traditional styling set the pace for the room, making the fireplace even more of a focal point with a careful selection of bibelots on the mantel and a portrait of Madame Le Brum over it. Furnishings are a mix of late 18th- and early 19th-century English designs, with the jewel colors of a Persian rug adding to the aura of warm richness. But Styers also has a 20th-century approach to using space purposefully, placing a lamp, table and wing chair beside the hearth to create a small reading area for hours when the chandelier does not glow for dining.

In its shadowy serenity, Bebe Winkler's living room for a model apartment at 733 Park Ave. in New York has the quietude of a tropical veranda shut to the siesta-time sun (*above*). Two walls of louvered shutters, floor to ceiling, give birth to this imagery. Muted colorings and sophisticated simplicity further it. The ivory hues of the floor and armless seating pieces seem to progress naturally through the flower-garden hues of the Portuguese needlepoint rug to a ceiling painted the blue of a cloudless sky. Accessories are few and dramatically conceived: two short brass floor lamps, mounted stalactite rock slices on a parchment-covered conversation table, a leafy tree in the corner. From the far wall, a gilt Portuguese console, mirror-black vases and exotic red flowers from Robert Webb interpose curving color as naturally as dark pebbles and a cluster of flowers might suddenly interrupt the cool sameness of a sandy cove.

LEFT, TOP AND BOTTOM, MARIS SEMEL; CENTER, WILL ROUSSEAU; RIGHT, BILL HELMS



carl barnes, howard r. monroe jr.

A joy in elegance is meticulously expressed in the splendidly proportioned living room (*above*) designed by Carl Barnes and Howard B. Monroe Jr. for a Symphony A.I.D. Designer House in Charlotte, N.C. Though the room's ceiling is a lofty 11 feet high, a scheme of creamy neutrals and sunset red Fortuny striped fabric for draperies, sofas and chairs now instills a feeling of warmth and intimacy. Notable, too, the subtle way contemporary designs—a deep-pile shag rug, a grouping of Boehm birds—have been softly woven into this room where the traditional fireplace remains an important architectural focal point.

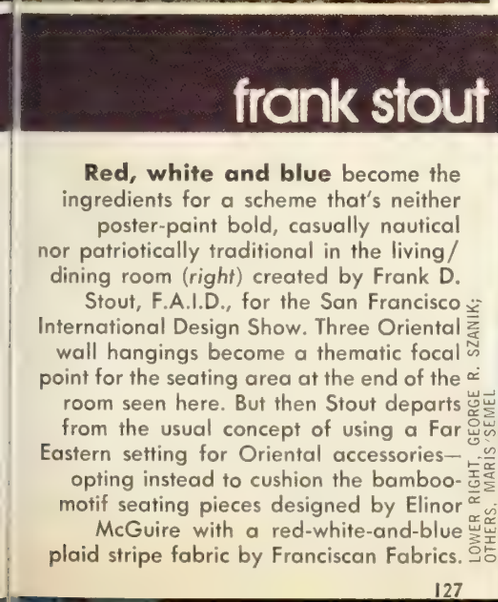
High drama fills the air in the study (*above right*) designed by Audré Fiber, N.S.I.D., for a model display at The Bristol in New York. The intriguing backdrop for this moody retreat is licorice moiré vinyl, offset by a window treatment of floor-to-ceiling mirror panels that can be reversed to the same dark vinyl. No less sparkling is the tall, sleek Plexiglas lamp and a futuristic Plexiglas elevator bar. But comfort is not forgotten, for amid all the glitter, there's a well-placed floor lamp for reading—plus soft Italian leather sofas detailed with luggage strapping on the arms and, from a less heady world, a poised and proper Louis XV chair.

designers display





audre fiber





frank stout

Red, white and blue become the ingredients for a scheme that's neither poster-paint bold, casually nautical nor patriotically traditional in the living/dining room (*right*) created by Frank D. Stout, F.A.I.D., for the San Francisco International Design Show. Three Oriental wall hangings become a thematic focal point for the seating area at the end of the room seen here. But then Stout departs from the usual concept of using a Far Eastern setting for Oriental accessories—opting instead to cushion the bamboo-motif seating pieces designed by Elinor McGuire with a red-white-and-blue plaid stripe fabric by Franciscan Fabrics. LOWER RIGHT, GEORGE R. SZANIK; OTHERS, MARIS SEMEL



angelo donghia

It's sophisticated cool, neutral and monochromatic, yet a living room (*above*) that vibrates with the excitement of curving forms touched with potent bits of luster. Designed by Angelo Donghia N.S.I.D. for The Bristol, it is a setting inspired by the 1930s but very much a part of today. Its practical vertical blinds become a note of dramatic artistry—and assume a visual kinship to the room's curves—in a polished gun-metal gray finish, set between panels of mirror and striated silver paper. Still, even this glitter assumes an aura of softness in the gray tweed environment, without accessories except for humorously footed white tables, plump white pillows, an enormous Art Deco painting and flowers in clear, rounded glass containers.

A fine, nostalgic Tudor-styled house was chosen as the Old World setting for this Symphony A.I.D. Designer House in Charlotte, N.C., and the library created by David W. Holcomb Jr. (*left*) was most aptly suited to its traditional architecture. It is a room rich with built-in detailing: a Federalist fireplace and tall, many-paned windows, paneled walls and a beamed ceiling. And Holcomb uses many elements normally associated with such a room —velvet, damask, Queen Anne side chairs, a button-tufted sofa, tie-back draperies—but interprets them in such colorings as azalea and tangerine, willow and clear lime for a spirit that's as fresh and upbeat as it is graceful.

MARIS/SEMEL

david w. holcomb jr.

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An exotic rendition of the natural look decorates both sides of a spacious living room (*below and right*) of this model display by Dede Draper and Otho Shaw for The Bristol. It is a lively put-together of superstylization with naiveté, a mix of variations of the earthy approach into one cohesive interpretation. There's an interplay of contrasts in the ivory, lineny wallcovering and seating pieces, Karl Springer's batiked tables and pedestals, the deep tones of the blinds and the variegated hues of the Indian cottons on the fat pillows. The straw matting on the floor takes on decorative sophistication when worked in diamond shapes in two different shades. Primitive artifacts assume a theatrical drama in this collector's domain and a bag's worth of oranges shine as bright, eye-appealing ornaments clustered in a spiny shell from faraway seas.

shaw & draper





'just right' ACCESSORIES TO PERSONALIZE A ROOM



Delicate and bold together (*near right*): a pace-setting Art Deco-inspired fabric, "Progression," in brown, beige and white, from Andre Matenciot; from India, white-lacquered wood console table with bird-design base and carved openwork decoration, $2,250, from Christopher Chodoff; a Japanese tray, hung as an artwork, $150, from Frank Milton, all set off by lilies from Robert Webb. **A break from the usual** (*far right*): nubby Moroccan rug with stylized half-moon design in black and brown on a beige background, $360, by Stark Carpet; repeating this theme, a cream-colored pottery half-moon-shape ashtray, from Italy, $75, at Richard V. Hare; antique 17th-century child's tea table, walnut with a 16-inch diameter and movable base, $375, from Richard V. Hare; a silver frog, the base for a lamp with chimney paper shade, $225, from Christopher Chodoff; art blocks, a visual treat for all ages with varied Old Master reproductions applied to them, $200 for a set of five, from John-Lewis. **Country with style** (*below*): on a bamboo-and-chrome coffee table, designed by Rubén de Saavedra, $320: a ceramic lamp covered in straw woven into a chevron design, $296 without shade, flat earth-hued basket in a geometric design, $60, and three delicately striated quartz stones, shown off on Lucite stands, $380 for a set of seven, all from Objets Plus. The boldly designed hand-printed cotton fabric on the floor, "Garuda," and the shirred "Bunga" pastel Indonesian fabric are both from China Seas. **In step with tradition** (*below right*): antique Victorian pine table, a perfect desk or hallway accent, $700, and colorful abstract painting by Geoffrey, $1,200 framed, both at Objets Plus; three-tiered basket lamp, $150; crystal roosters, $180 the pair, faceted crystal ashtray, $60, and two candlesticks, $90 the pair, at John Rosselli.

MICHEL-ALEXIS TCHEREVKOFF



Editor MARJORIE FOX HILTON □ It's the little things that fill out a room, that give it a sense of self, a distinct identity. While the total look is important, the accessories—from the smallest ashtray to the most impressive coffee table—can make or break the approach. On these four pages, we present a put-together of new and old for today's tablescape. **The study in curves** that echo one another in the vignette above blends traditional and contemporary: today's shiny yellow lacquer side table, adaptable to any setting, and batik multicolor ottoman for comfortable floor-sitting, both from Karl Springer; a glass bowl in a red-and-white pinwheel design, $75, from Frank Milton; a new translation of the old technique of découpage in the beige-and-red paper-on-glass lamp base with chrome trim, $150, from John-Lewis; a sophisticated touch for any table, the go-anywhere silver snail with mother-of-pearl shell, $2,700, from Christopher Chodoff; fabric with winged horses outlined on beige, "Apocalypse," at Andre Matenciot.

















'just right' ACCESSORIES

In a French mood (*far left*): Louis XVI Bouillotte table with leather top and bronze gallery edge, $3,600; Empire shell-shaped crystal box with bronze trim, $975; blackamoor, a popular statue during the Italian Renaissance, holding a gilt bronze clock, $1,800; black Louis XVI pedestal with gilt-bronze mounts and a mirrored top, $675; silhouette profiles and flowers in a gilt frame, $975 for a pair; bronze Empire sconce with figure holding four candles, $1,500 for a pair, all from Frederick P. Victoria. The background fabric is "Nitik," a cotton handscreen print from China Seas. **Decorative and detailed** (*near left*): hexagonal carved oak table, 19th-century, $350; antique handmade beaded lamp with lighted flowers and pot, $550; standing Victorian table mirror, $48; French crystal perfume bottles with square stopper tops, $115 for a pair, and multicolored Staffordshire ironstone plate, $45, all from Dorothy McCutchen, A.I.D. The damask fabric is "Via Veneto," by Scalamandré Silks. Leather-bound books, always a good complement for any table.



Swirls and flourishes (*far left*): a small white reptile-covered table, gently rounded at the edges with tapering legs, from Karl Springer; Minton candlestick lamp topped with a Porthault pleated shade, $275, at Richard V. Hare; a standout accessory on table or desk, an artwork in itself, Art Nouveau bronze doré inkwell imported from Austria, $375, at Limited Additions; a stylish piece to shine in a Country Chic setting, three silver asparagus stalks make a sculpture eight inches long, $70, at Frank Milton; on the floor, perched on a pillow, a red porcelain fish, seven inches long, $375, at Joseph Rondina; a sculptural, whimsical hand with green-and-red banding and round Lucite base, Karl Springer. The Portuguese needlepoint black-and-white geometric rug is "Arabesque," $695, by Stark Carpet, and background fabric in black-and-white flowers is "Suzuki," from Andre Matenciot. **A bouquet of mixed flowers** (*near left*): real flowers, lilies from Robert Webb, show against a draped silk tablecloth with handprinted multicolored flowers, $975; English 19th-century black *papier maché* lamp with red, pink, yellow and blue flowers and a white silk shade, $650; Coalport dish with flower center and border, $125, and 18th-century English wax portrait of Benjamin Franklin with brass stand, $295, all from Richard V. Hare; 11-inch-high antique French opaline glass urn with ormolu trim and handles, a decoration popular in France in the 18th century, $1,850 for a pair, from Joseph Lombardo. The Portuguese handmade rug, adapted from antique French needlepoint patterns and colorings, a flower design in leaf green, orange and red on a beige background is available in custom colors and sizes from Stark Carpet. **Design and texture** (*above*): a smooth and thoughtful sculpture, this 17th-century bronze Buddah's hand, $200, from Nuri Farhadi; shell prints applied to a small table, $275, from John-Lewis; background fabric, "Tulip Maze" from Andre Matenciot.

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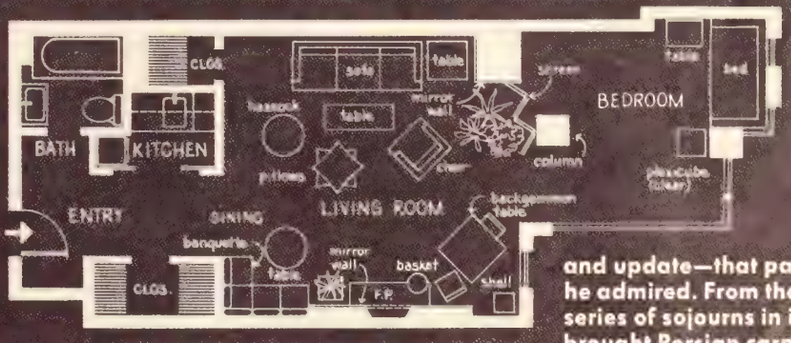












Editor MARJORIE FOX HILTON ☐ **Is this really New York? When you walk into the charm of this one-room high-ceilinged garden apartment in a reconverted brownstone in Manhattan's East 70s, you are suddenly—and deliciously—transported far away from the realities of asphalt and tension. Here you feel all the character and intimacy of a London mews house earlier in the century: a garden at one end, a fireplace reflected in sparkling mirrors, luxurious colors, splendidly rich Oriental carpets, intricate Indian patterns, a mix of paintings and the typically English convenience of a permanently set game table. Purposely so. Martyn Homayoun, a recently transplanted Londoner in the advertising business, always dreamed of living in a house in London's Upper Harley Mews, but fortune provided him instead with company-owned, often-shared, occasionally furnished flats in Greece, Pakistan and London. When a business change brought him to New York and the pleasures of a "flat of my own," Homayoun asked Designer Mara Palmer to recreate—and update—that particular English heritage he admired. From that heritage (and the series of sojourns in impersonal lodgings), he brought Persian carpets, an old sofa, bits of copper and an end table to this flat.**

Ms. Palmer, who was given the designer's delight and luxury *of carte blanche*, divided the enormous room, with odd shapes and corners like a mews house in miniature, into three areas *(see plan above)* and used mirrors to bring the garden indoors. In the exuberantly patterned living area *(left)*, a Persian hanging is placed over the old sofa, recovered in an Eastern print, against a shining orange vinyl wall. All this is reflected in a smoked Lucite screen that separates the living area from the sleeping area *(above)*. If an informal dinner is in order, guests can bring their plates to the dining area *(top)*, with its banquette covered in an overscaled geometric patchwork, and a small tea table near the fireplace. Backgammon is permanently set up in the living area *(above left)*. Paintings include a framed Persian tapestry and a brilliantly colored flower painting by Martha Everds over the glass cube. "I don't think," says Ms. Palmer, "that even a penthouse could make him move away from this flat."

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NORWEGIAN MANDEL-EPLEKAKE
(Almond Apple Cake)

Our friend, Dag Worm-Müller, *Redaksjonssekretaer* (assistant chief editor) of *Alt om Mat*, a splendid food magazine published in Oslo, gave us this perfectly delicious recipe on a recent visit to Norway. Apple cakes in one form or another are very popular all through the Scandinavian countries.

1 cup (2 sticks) sweet butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup (3½-ounce can) blanched, slivered almonds
6 cooking apples
Heavy cream

Butter a two-quart soufflé or other baking dish that can go to the table. Set aside. Cream the butter with an electric beater until soft and fluffy. Gradually work in the sugar, beat hard and constantly. When all the sugar has been incorporated, beat in the flour. Finally, stir in the slivered almonds. Peel and core the apples. Cut in half, then cut each half into eight slices. As you work, arrange them in the prepared baking dish. Spread the batter over the apples and smooth the surface. Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 35 minutes until the crust is baked and golden. Serve warm, but not hot, with cream. Serves six or more.

WITCHES' FROTH

Adapted from the same recipe in *The Cuisine of Hungary* by George Lang (Atheneum), this is, indeed, a delicious dessert froth.

4 cooking apples
1¼ cups vanilla sugar*
Grated rind of 1 lemon
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
2 egg whites

Wash the apples. Scoop out the cores, making a cavity that will hold the honey mixture. Place in a baking dish that has a cover. Mix the honey, lemon rind and nutmeg together. Fill the cavity of each apple. Cover and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 30 minutes. Take off the cover. Bake about 10 minutes longer or until the apples are tender.

APPLE ICE CREAM

1 teaspoon unflavored gelatine
1 tablespoon cold water
½ cup milk
2 Delicious apples
½ cup superfine sugar
Few grains salt
¾ cup heavy cream

Sprinkle the gelatine over the cold water to soften. Heat the milk, add the gelatine and stir until dissolved. Refrigerate until mixture is beginning to set. Meanwhile, core the apples, leaving the skin on. Shred, using a medium shredder or in the electric food processer, using the shredding disk. Then place the apples in a bowl and thoroughly stir in the sugar, salt and gelatine mixture.

Whip the cream until it holds a soft shape, then fold it in. Spoon into an ice tray and place in the freezer until mushy. Beat well and return to freezer until firm. Soften in the refrigerator an hour or so before serving. Serve to four or five with a splash of applejack.

HONEYED BAKED APPLES

6 tart baking apples
½ cup liquid honey
Grated rind of 1 lemon
Freshly grated nutmeg

Wash the apples and place in a deep casserole. Cover tightly and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 50 minutes.

Once the apples are cooked (you'll find that in cooking almost all the skin comes off the pulp), spoon the pulp into the bowl of the electric mixer, scraping off any pulp left on the skin and cutting it off the core. Stir in the sugar and lemon juice. When cool, add the *unbeaten* egg whites. Beat at high speed until the mixture has quadrupled in volume and a wooden spoon will stand up in it—10 to 15 minutes. Makes about four quarts. Spoon into a large bowl, sprinkle with the lemon rind, cover with Saran and refrigerate. Serve with sweet wafers to eight or 10.

*Or use 1¼ cups plain sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

POMMES MERINGUES
(Apples in Meringue)

6 medium-sized cooking apples
2¼ cups water
3¼ cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 egg whites
¼ cup sugar
Juice of ½ lemon, strained
6 candied cherries

Combine the water and *3 cups of the sugar* in a broad heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Stir in the vanilla. Take off the heat.

Peel the apples, cut in half across, then cut out the core. As you finish each apple drop it into the hot syrup. This helps to keep them from turning dark.

Place back over the heat and poach (that means simmer) until the apples are tender and can be pierced easily with the point of a sharp paring knife.

With a slotted spoon, lift from the syrup to a baking dish that can go to the table and large enough so the apples can be arranged side by side. Sprinkle the apples with the lemon juice. Place a candied cherry

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BILL HELMS

A GALAXY OF GREAT APPLE DISHES...

By HELEN McCULLY □ **From Norway, *Mandel-eplekake*, a fabulous apple confection, rich with almonds and butter; from Canada, *Apple Ice Cream* with the famed Delicious showing off its true color (red); from Jacques Pépin, *Canards aux Pommes* (as French as he is), golden ducks with an apple garnish; from our own kitchen, *Turkey Cutlets Normande*, adapted from the classic *Escalopes de Veau Normande*, which translates into veal with apples and Calvados; from Hungary, *Witches' Froth*, a featherweight apple sweet. All this and much more, supported by basic apple and cooking information, an Apple Calendar (page 151) and a list of interesting books and booklets for the apple enthusiast.**


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WHAT EVER BECAME OF THE COCKTAIL

By ROBERT J. MISCH □ WHATEVER BECAME OF THE COCKTAIL SHAKER, INDEED. WE STILL HAVE OURS. **IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE ON THE SOFA TABLE—FULL OF YELLOW ROSES.** IS NOTHING SACRED? TIME WAS, WHEN THE NEWLYWED COUPLE COULD ALWAYS "MAKE DO" WITH A MATTRESS, A RADIO AND A COCKTAIL SHAKER. TODAY, IT WOULD MORE LIKELY BE A WATERBED, A COLOR T.V. AND A BLENDER. THE GOOD OLD SHAKER, THE KIND WHERE THE GLASS CUP FITTED INSIDE THE TIN ONE, FOR FURIOUS AND SPILL-PROOF SHAKING, HAS PRETTY MUCH DEPARTED THE SCENE. SOME EXHIBITIONISTIC BARTENDERS STILL LIKE TO PUT ON THE OLD ONE-TWO FOR ADMIRING ONLOOKERS, BUT WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU OR YOUR HOST FROTHED OUT THE OLD WHITE MAGIC AT HOME?

I CAN EVEN REMEMBER MY MOTHER-IN-LAW HAVING THE "SHAKES." I CAN SEE HER NOW, WELL IN HER 70S, CAREFULLY MEASURING THE ORANGE JUICE, THE GIN AND THE POWDERED SUGAR INTO THE SHAKER, ADDING THE CRACKED ICE—AND SHAKING AWAY SMARTLY. POURING THE ORANGE BLOSSOMS, OR WHATEVER THEY WERE, INTO COCKTAIL GLASSES, SHE THEN LEFT THE SCENE, HER HOSTESS CHORES COMPLETED. THE MAID PASSED OUT THE DRINKS—AND MY MOTHER-IN-LAW PASSED THEM BY.

THIS IS A NEW ERA, AND THIS SCIENTIFIC AND PAINSTAKINGLY RESEARCHED STUDY IS BEING PRESENTED AS THE DEFINITIVE REPORT ON A CURIOUS PHENOMENON—THE ECLIPSE OF THE COCKTAIL SHAKER. THERE ARE MANY REASONS, I SUPPOSE. FIRST, THE ASCENDANCY OF THE GIN COCKTAIL OVER THE MANHATTAN, OLD FASHIONED AND OTHER WHISKEY CONCOCTIONS CREATED THE MYTH OF THE "BRUISED" GIN. IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE LEGENDS, ALONG WITH *LE MORT D'ARTHUR* AND THE *ODYSSEY*. NOW, I'M NO OGRE, NO TYRANT. **I WOULDN'T BRUISE GIN OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR THAT MATTER, IF I COULD HELP IT, SO EVEN I STIR THOSE MARTINIS GENTLY** . . . GENTLY . . . SO AS NOT TO DASH THE GIN BRUTALLY AGAINST THE SIDES OF THE PITCHER. IF I HAVE BEEN BRAIN-WASHED TO DO THIS AT HOME, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WERE THE BARTENDER AT A PUBLIC BAR BE CAUGHT *SHAKING* A MARTINI?

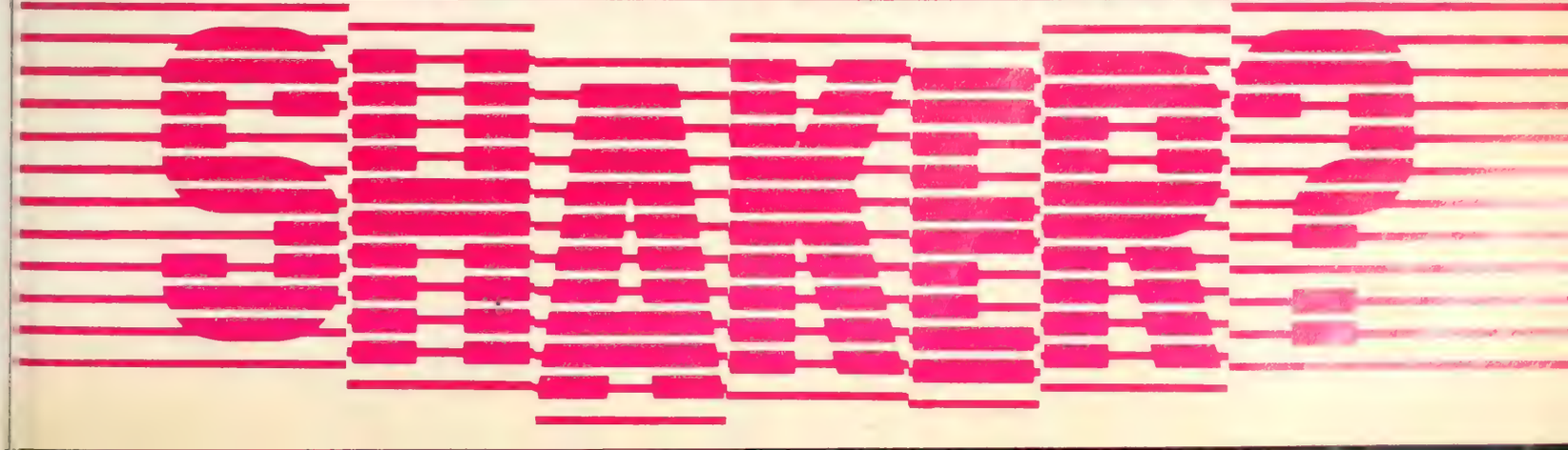
IN PAST DAYS, A MAN AND/OR HIS WIFE LABORED TO READY THE BAR FOR THEIR PARTY GUESTS. THERE WERE THE LEMONS AND ORANGES TO BE SQUEEZED, SLICED OR PEELED, THE CHERRY, OLIVE AND ONION BOTTLES TO BE OPENED, THE SUGAR BOWL TO BE FILLED, THE ARRAY OF BOTTLES TO BE LINED-UP: GIN, VODKA, BOURBON, SCOTCH, BLEND, CANADIAN, VERMOUTHS (2 KINDS), RUM (2 KINDS), BITTERS (2 KINDS) AND ON AND ON. NOW HE JUST GETS OUT A FEW ENVELOPES OF VARIOUS MIXES OR A FEW BOTTLES OF PREPARED COCKTAILS, EMPTIES A TRAY OF ICE INTO THE ICE BUCKET AND AWAY WE GO. WHO NEEDS THE COCKTAIL SHAKER?

AGAIN, THE ELECTRIC BLENDER HAS BECOME PART OF THE MODERN BAR'S ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT. FOR DAIQUIRIS—ONE OR A DOZEN—YOU TOSS THE INGREDIENTS INTO THE CONTAINER, TURN THE KNOB AND IN 20 SECONDS YOU HAVE YOUR DRINKS. NO JOY OF CREATION, NO REWARD FOR EFFORT EXPENDED—IT'S ALL PART OF OUR PUSH-BUTTON SOCIETY. **PERHAPS THE ENERGY CRISIS WILL BRING BACK THE ELBOW.** I WAS TALKING ABOUT ALL OF THIS WITH AN OFFICIAL OF THE HOFFRITZ STORES, THE MANHATTAN CHAIN THAT HAS LONG BEEN A GOOD SOURCE OF BAR EQUIPMENT. HE BEMOANS THE PASSING OF THE SHAKER AND SAYS IT'S GOING THE WAY OF THE STEAMER TRUNK AND THE ICE CREAM FREEZER.

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH—NOW THERE'S AN ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSTANCE. WHAT DO THE PEOPLE THERE SAY? WELL, I'LL TELL YOU. THEY SAY, IN THE CONSERVATIVE ABERCROMBIE WAY, "COCKTAIL SHAKERS AREN'T AS POPULAR AS THEY ONCE WERE. SO MANY DRINKS THESE DAYS ARE 'ON THE ROCKS.' WE CARRY COCKTAIL SHAKERS, OF COURSE, FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO MAKE WHISKEY SOURS."

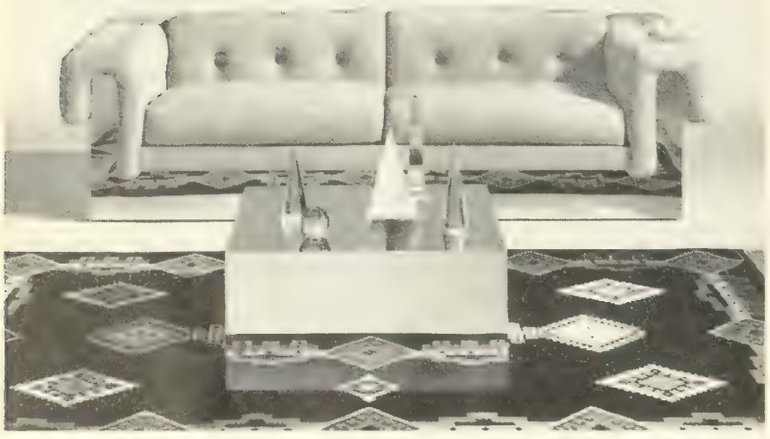
BUT HOLD—I FOUND A DISSENTER. A RAY OF HOPE APPEARS. MIKE DONOFRIO OF NEW YORK'S B. ALTMAN & CO. SILVER AND GIFT DEPARTMENT SAYS THIS YEAR THERE IS SUDDENLY A RE-BIRTH, A REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN THE SILVER, GLASS-LINED SHAKER—FIRST CHECK TO THE DOWNWARD TREND IN 15 YEARS. HE ATTRIBUTES THE RENAISSANCE TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC'S NEW-FOUND INTEREST IN THE EXOTIC DRINKS OF THE FAR EAST AND THE ISLANDS. FOR THESE—CONCOCTED OF SUCH ESOTERIC INGREDIENTS AS 151-PROOF RUM, SLOE GIN, MAI TAI RUM, ORGEAT, MARASCHINO AND GARDENIAS—A SHAKER IS DESIRABLE EQUIPMENT. HE DOESN'T PRETEND THAT ALL IS AS IT ONCE WAS IN THE COCKTAIL-SHAKER BUSINESS, BUT DISASTER HAS, FOR THE MOMENT, BEEN STEMMED.

FINALLY, WHEN YOU COME TO THINK OF IT, THE MIXED DRINK, PER SE, IS ON THE WANE. JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT, GET HOLD OF AN OLD BARTENDER'S GUIDE. HUNDREDS ON HUNDREDS OF SUCH MEMORABILIA AS THE "BETWEEN THE SHEETS," "THE GREEN DRAGON," "THE CLOVER CLUB," "THE MERRY WIDOW" AND "WHISPERS OF THE FROST" WERE ALL PART OF AL'S OR GEORGE'S REPERTOIRE. NOW, ACCORDING TO AL OR GEORGE, **THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND WOULD DO FOR THE NUMBER OF DRINKS THEY'RE ASKED FOR 99% OF THE TIME,** AND A MAJORITY OF EVEN THESE ARE "STRAIGHT." MORE SURPRISING IS THE LATTER-DAY NEED FOR A BOTTLE OF WHITE WINE AT THE READY—AT HOME OR AT THE BAR—TO BE SERVED JUST AS IT COMES FROM THE BOTTLE, OR WITH A KIR'S SPLASH OF CASSIS. NO SHAKER NEEDED FOR THAT. **SO WE'LL KEEP OUR SHAKER AROUND, JUST IN CASE** . . . BUT SO FAR THOSE ROSES ARE IN NO DANGER. *(FOR A LOOK AT SOME OF THE POPULAR DRINKS FROM THE SHAKER ERA, TURN TO PAGE 140.)*



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For the shaker

—cocktails to make with elbow power

Ever see the movie version of *The Late George Apley*? If so, you must remember the scene where Ronald Colman, preparing to meet the father of his son's girl-friend, tries to show that his collar and neck are not made entirely of starch. He will serve, he says, "those new Martini cocktails." (Unfortunately, the gentleman cared neither for martinis—explaining he was old-fashioned and would prefer sherry—nor for George's son.)

It was a long time and it was a short time between that fictional turn-of-the-century incident and the era Robert J. Misch writes about on page 139, from the day when cocktails were avant garde to the day when every proper household had its cocktail shaker.

In between, thousands of average young Americans went off to fight—and drink—where previously only the wealthy had toured. And then they came home from the Great War to participate in the Great Experiment known as Prohibition.

Let's not kid ourselves that everyone Charlestoned away the Jazz Age—the Gatsbys and the Fitzgeralds, Ernest and Lady Brett and the whole Paris circle are merely the glamor examples. But when repeal came, you would have thought everyone was waiting for a taste of gin.

For the decade that followed was truly the golden era of the cocktail. There were drinks to be shaken, stirred, bruised, muddled and coddled. Serge Obolensky and his fellow Russian émigrés were just introducing New York society to vodka (the Bloody Mary, incidentally, was originally made in the cocktail shaker) and tequila wasn't on the scene at all. But there were cocktails to make with Scotch, Bourbon, rye, blended whiskey, brandy, sherry, port, liqueurs and gin, gin, gin.

Take a look at some of these examples, all from the original *Old Mr. Boston De Luxe Official Bartender's Guide,* first published in 1935, a drink-mixing standard ever since. (It's been revised every few years, and the 52nd edition is a far cry from that one-vodka-drink original.)

First in our round-up, the examples Misch refers to . . .

Orange Blossom

1 ounce dry gin
1 ounce orange juice
¼ teaspoon powdered sugar

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into three-ounce glass.

Between the Sheets

Juice of ¼ lemon
½ ounce California brandy
½ ounce Triple Sec
½ ounce rum

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into three-ounce glass.

The Green Dragon

Juice of ¼ lemon
½ ounce Kummel
½ ounce green créme de menthe
1½ ounces dry gin
4 dashes of orange bitters

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce glass.

The Clover Club

Juice of half a lemon
2 teaspoons Grenadine
White of one egg
1½ ounces dry gin

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into four-ounce glass.

The Merry Widow

1¼ ounces dry gin
1¼ ounces French vermouth
½ teaspoon Benedictine
½ teaspoon Absinthe substitute
1 dash of orange bitters

Stir well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce cocktail glass. Add a twist of lemon peel, dropped into glass.

Whispers of the Frost

¾ ounce rye or Bourbon
¾ ounce Sherry
¾ ounce Port
1 teaspoon powdered sugar

There were cocktails named after famous people . . .

The Mary Pickford

1 ounce rum
1 ounce pineapple juice
¼ teaspoon Grenadine
¼ teaspoon Maraschino

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce glass.

and far-off places . . .

Shanghai Cocktail

Juice of ¼ lemon
1 teaspoon Anisette
1 ounce Jamaica rum
½ teaspoon Grenadine

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into short cocktail glass.

Monte Carlo Imperial Highball

2 ounces dry gin
½ ounce white creme de menthe
Juice of ¼ lemon

Shake with cracked (*Continued*)



The First Mirror.

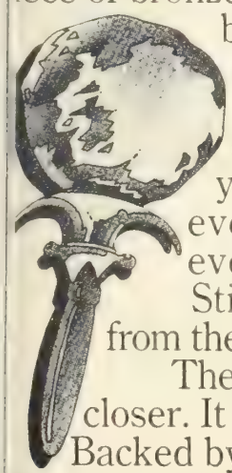
WHEN the first person came upon his flection in a pool of still ater, he was fascinated.) be able to see)urself was magical thing.

But as en- ıanted as he as with that ·st looking ass,))on ·alized s draw- ıcks.



What if it were windy? nd what if you weren't any- here near a pool of water?

Then, sometime in iblical days, people dis-)vered that a well-polished iece of bronze or brass gave back a reflection. And what's more, you could look at yourself when- ever and wher- ever you wanted.



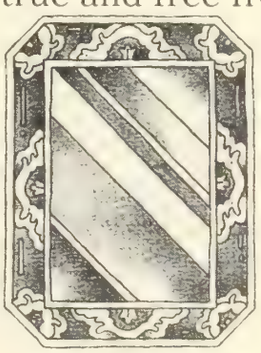
Still, it was far from the perfect mirror.

The next try came closer. It was glass. Backed by metal. But ıere was still a drawback. 'he metal was colored metal. Blue, green, red. No one was ever quite sure what shade his complexion was.

It took the Venetians of the 14th century to discover the secret of backing color- less glass with lead or tin.

Mirrors at once became so fashionable, so desirable that a mirror-smuggling trade sprang up through the rest of Europe.

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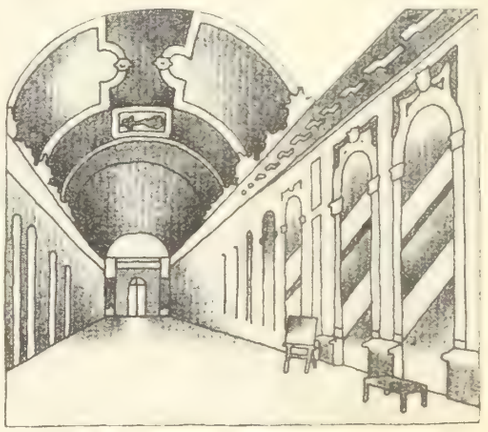


The King of France, Louis XIV, was so taken with the new, improved mirrors that he lined a 240- foot room completely with mirrors. It is still one of the most famous rooms in the world, the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles.

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ice and strain into eight-ounce glass. Fill with Champagne.

Some drinks commemorated particular professions . . .

The Journalist

¼ ounce French vermouth
¼ ounce Italian vermouth
1½ ounces dry gin
½ teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon Curaçao
1 dash of bitters

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce glass.

or particular times of life . . .

Income Tax Cocktail

¼ ounce French vermouth
¼ ounce Italian vermouth
1 ounce dry gin
1 dash of bitters
Juice of ¼ orange

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce glass.

Temptation Cocktail

1½ ounces rye or Bourbon
½ teaspoon Curaçao
½ teaspoon Absinthe substitute
½ teaspoon Dubonnet
1 twist orange peel
1 twist lemon peel

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce glass. (We would add that it might make a difference in this whether you do use rye or Bourbon—and whether you use the 101-proof, the 100-proof or a lighter-proof Bourbon—so experiment a bit if you try this one. And if you want to experiment a little more, you might even try substituting one of the new fruit-flavored Bourbons from American Distillers.)

Hole-in-One Cocktail

1½ ounces Scotch
¾ ounce French vermouth
¼ teaspoon lemon juice
1 dash of orange bitters

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into a three-ounce glass.

There was even a drink that we'd guess was named for an event that was never to be, for surely the Coronation Cocktail was first intended as a tribute to the Prince of Wales' coming to the throne. But since that's a drink to be stirred, not shaken, we won't go into it here. Suffice to say the world was so caught up in the Edward/Wallis/George happenings that by the time the 1941 *Bartender's Guide* was published, the drink master's list included the Queen Elizabeth, Prince's Smile, Royal Smile, English Rose and Little Princess cocktails (although we really don't see the logic in calling a shaker of Italian vermouth and rum the Little Princess. . . .)

If you should want to rescue your cocktail shaker from the coffee table, bar closet or kitchen cabinet, give some of these oldies a whirl. Or create your own exotic concoctions by substituting different ingredients for some of the traditional ones: The Cointreau Sidecar, for example, and The Saronno, which is an almond-flavored variation on the Alexander, and the Wine Fizz. Should your shaker have long since gone to a garage sale, you can rely on the blender instead of elbow power for any of these. Just blend at medium speed for 30 seconds or so, until well mixed. And if frozen daiquiris have given you a fondness for slushy drinks, add crushed ice to the blender container before whirring.

Cointreau Sidecar

1 ounce Cointreau
1 ounce Cognac or brandy
1 ounce lemon juice

Shake well with cracked ice and strain into cocktail glass.

Saronno

1 ounce Amaretto di Saronno
1 ounce brandy
1 ounce sweet cream

Shake well with cracked ice, then strain and serve in a cocktail glass or stemmed goblet.

Wine Fizz

8 ounces orange juice (fresh is better; canned or frozen can be used)
8 ounces ginger ale
8 ounces red wine

Shake all ingredients together, and then chill. Pour into pre-frosted wine goblets. (Add crushed ice if desired.) Serves four. (This was suggested to us by the importers of Del Magnifico, an Italian red, so that's what we used. The drink will vary in sweetness according to the wine, of course.)

Cool Glade

16 ounces limeade (fresh or frozen)
8 ounces white wine
Dash of lemon juice

Shake ingredients together vigorously to blend thoroughly. Then pour over cracked ice into tall, pre-chilled tumblers with rims frosted with salt. Serves two to three. (We tried this with the Brillante Blanco, a Spanish white that's very much on the sweet side, and with Joseph Bonfils' Ugni Blanc, a French white that is our current favorite jug wine. The sweeter white gives a nice sweet/tart taste play. With the drier wine, you may want to add sugar—so do taste carefully before serving. ■

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THE APPLE

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in the center of each apple half.

Beat the egg whites until they begin to hold a shape. Then gradually add the remaining ¼ cup of the sugar, beating constantly. Continue beating until the meringue holds firm, shiny peaks. Spread the meringue evenly over the apples, around and between. If you're adept with a pastry bag, then build a "dome" on top; otherwise, mound with a spoon.

Place in a preheated 275° oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until the meringue is touched with gold. Serve lukewarm or at room temperature.

Turkey Cutlets Normande
(Cream, Applejack and Apples)

This recipe is adapted from a famous Normandy dish that is customarily made with veal scaloppine. We think it is equally delicious with Marval turkey cutlets, which you will find both fresh and frozen in many supermarkets all along the East Coast. But you will also find fresh turkey cutlets on the West Coast in supermarkets. In the event you can't track down the cutlets, return to the original recipe and make it with veal.

12 fresh or frozen turkey cutlets*, (thawed, if frozen)
3 medium sweet apples
Juice of 2 lemons, strained
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
½ cup flour
4 tablespoons (½ stick) sweet butter
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
⅓ cup applejack (about)
1½ cups heavy cream

Peel and core the apples, then dice into ½-inch cubes. Combine with the lemon juice in a bowl and mix thoroughly to coat the slices well.

Sprinkle the cutlets with salt and pepper, then coat with flour, shaking off any excess. Heat the butter and oil in a large, heavy skillet. When hot, add the cutlets, a few pieces at a time, and sauté over medium heat until lightly browned on both sides (three to four minutes on each side). As you cook the cutlets, arrange on a heated platter in a keep-warm (180°) oven.

Add the apples, lemon juice and applejack to the pan. Scrape up all the encrustations in the pan and cook over moderate heat, stirring frequently, for about three minutes. Add the cream and continue cooking until the mixture has turned a delicious ivory color. Reduce the heat and cook, stirring frequently, until the sauce has reduced to about half and coats a spoon (almost 10 minutes). Taste for salt. Spoon over the cutlets and serve at once. Serves six. Delicious with *Endive Meunière* (endives with brown butter mixed with minced parsley, lemon juice) served on a separate plate.
*If you choose veal, the meat should be about ⅜-inch thick, not pounded, and about 3½ to four inches in diameter.

Roast Loin of Pork with Apples and Vegetables

1 five- to six-pound loin of pork with fat on
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
6 potatoes, all of a size
6 yellow onions, all of a size
6 cooking apples, all of a size
Lemon juice
Sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 cup sweet cider
½ cup applejack

When you buy the pork, insist that a good layer of fat (½-inch thick) is left on the meat. Score the fat, dust with salt and pepper. Place in a very large roasting pan in a preheated 325° oven. Roast 25 minutes per pound or until a meat thermometer registers 165° to 170°.

Peel the potatoes and onions and cook, separately, in boiling salted water for about 10 minutes. Peel and core apples. Sprinkle with the lemon juice to keep them from turning dark.

Forty-five minutes before the meat is done, place the potatoes and onions in the pan with the pork, roll them around in the pan drippings. Fifteen minutes later, add the apples. Roll them around, also, in the fat. Then sprinkle lightly with sugar.

When the pork is cooked, lift from the pan to a large, warm serving platter. Remove strings. Surround with the vegetables and apples. Keep the roast warm in a low (180°) oven.

Pour off all the fat from the pan. Mix the cornstarch with a little of the cider to make a smooth paste. Add to the roasting pan with the cider and applejack. Cook over high heat, scraping down all the rich brown particles clinging to the pan, until sauce begins to get syrupy. If it seems too thick, add a bit more cider. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour into a heated sauceboat. Serves six.

Jacques Pépin's Canard aux Pommes
(Duck with Apples)

2 3½ to four-pound ducks, ready to cook (thawed, if frozen)
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper (*Continued*)



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10 to 12 cooking apples, peeled, cored and quartered
¼ cup red wine vinegar
¼ cup sugar
½ cup water

Salt and pepper the ducks inside and out. Place in a large roasting pan, breast side up. Add *½ cup of water* to the pan and roast in a preheated 400° oven for 65 minutes. At this point, take the pan from the oven and pour off all the clear fat, taking care not to pour off the juices. Mix the apples with the vinegar and sugar and add to the pan. Return to the oven for 15 minutes. Then add ½ cup of water and cook for another 15 to 20 minutes.

To serve, quarter the two birds with heavy shears and place on a serving platter. Surround with the apples and good juices. Serve to six or eight with puréed celeriac or yellow turnips mousseline.

Sole Launay

2½ pounds sole or flounder fillets*
¼ cup (½ stick) sweet butter, softened
1 generous cup parsley sprigs, minced
½ teaspoon dried tarragon or 1 teaspoon fresh, minced
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
2 cups sweet or hard cider
1 tablespoon cornstarch
½ cup unseasoned bread crumbs
1 cup heavy cream

Take half the butter and coat a shallow pan large enough to hold the fillets flat. Sprinkle half the parsley and half the tarragon over the butter. Arrange the fillets on top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dot with remaining butter and sprinkle remaining parsley and tarragon.

Mix the cornstarch with a little of the cider to make a smooth paste, then stir into remaining cider. Pour over fish and scatter bread crumbs over all.

Bake in a preheated 450° oven for five minutes. Pour the cream over fish and bake another five minutes or until it flakes easily with a fork.

With a broad spatula, lift the baked fish from the pan to a heated serving platter. At this point, the sauce should be thick enough to coat a spoon. If not, cook over a high heat, stirring steadily, five minutes. Spoon over fish and serve at once with little new boiled potatoes.

*Since it is absolutely essential for the fillets to lie flat in the pan, you should allow one large or two small fillets per person.

Pork Loaf with Apples

4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 pound lean ground pork
1 pound lean ground beef
1 yellow onion, peeled and minced
1 carrot, peeled and grated
1 cup dry bread crumbs
1 cup dry red wine
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon salt
½ teaspoon ground ginger
8 to 10 springs parsley, minced
3 medium-sized tart cooking apples, cored and sliced thin

Butter an 11¾ by 7½ by 1¾-inch baking dish and set aside for the moment.

Mix together all remaining ingredients except the apples. Arrange one-third of the apple slices on the bottom of the prepared baking dish, covering it completely. Top with half of the meat mixture, spreading it evenly so the apples are completely covered. Add another layer of apples, then the remaining meat mixture. Finish the dish with the last of the sliced apples. Coat the apples with the remaining butter.

Bake in a preheated 375° oven for one hour, basting the apples two or three times. Serve hot with freshly cooked new potatoes and a green salad. Or serve cold with potato salad. Serves six generously.

Apple Soup

6 cooking apples, cored and chopped coarsely
2 quarts chicken or beef broth
3 or 4 whole cloves
Small piece of ginger root*
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Croutons

Combine the apples, broth, cloves and ginger root in a large, heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil slowly, then simmer until the apples are very soft. Push through a fine sieve or food mill. Discard the skins, etc. and pour the broth back into the saucepan. Season well with the salt and white pepper and bring up to a boil.

Serve immediately in heated soup cups with a garnish of croutons. Serves six.

*Dried ginger root can be substituted for fresh.

Red Cabbage à la Normande

1 two-pound firm red cabbage
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter or margarine
2 medium yellow onions, peeled and sliced thin
4 large tart apples, peeled, cored and quartered
1 large or 2 small cloves garlic, peeled and minced
¼ teaspoon allspice
¼ teaspoon caraway seed
Freshly ground pepper
2 cups dry red wine
Salt

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Sugar
2 tablespoons wine vinegar
¼ cup water

Cut out the core and ribs of the cabbage and shred coarsely. Take a heavy, large saucepan (that can go in the oven) with a cover. Add the butter and the cabbage. Place over a medium heat, cover and cook five minutes, stirring once or twice. Layer the cabbage, onion slices and apple wedges, sprinkling each layer with garlic, spices, salt and pepper to taste. Finish with a sprinkling of sugar, the wine, vinegar and water. Cover tightly and cook in a preheated 375° oven until the cabbage is tender—50 to 60 minutes, adding a bit more wine if necessary. Serve very hot with pork, rabbit, duck or goose. Serves about six.

Apple and Potato Salad

2 cups cooked diced potatoes
2 cups red eating apples, cored and diced
½ small yellow onion, peeled and minced
½ cup mayonnaise (about)*
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Bibb lettuce

Combine all the ingredients except the lettuce and mix with enough mayonnaise to hold the mixture together. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Place in a salad bowl with a garland of Bibb lettuce leaves. Serves four to six. Very good, indeed, with cold roast pork.
*If you use commercial mayonnaise, add the juice of half a lemon (strained) or to taste.

Apple Stuffing for Goose

3 cups puréed cooked apples, unsweetened (about 3 apples)
2 cups dry bread crumbs
1 small yellow onion, peeled and minced
Freshly ground white pepper
Salt to taste
2 teaspoons caraway seeds

Mix all the ingredients together well. Stuff the goose and fasten the opening with skewers or sew with string. Sufficient for a 12- to 14-pound goose.

How to make Perfect Applesauce

This is the easiest way to make applesauce. If you want unsweetened applesauce, simply eliminate the sugar. But remember, always *sweeten applesauce after it has been cooked.*

Juice of 1 lemon, strained
2 pounds (about 6) tart cooking apples
Butter, softened
Sugar to taste

Pour the lemon juice into a heavy ovenproof saucepan or casserole with a tight-fitting lid. As you peel, core and quarter the apples, drop them into the pan and turn them over in the juice so they are well-coated. Once all the apples have been added, mix again with the juice (best done with your hands). Cut a circle of kitchen parchment or waxed paper and butter one side generously. Place on top of the apples, then cover with the lid. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 45 minutes. When apples are cooked, stir in sugar to taste—⅓ to ½ cup. Makes about three cups of pure, flawless applesauce.

APPLESAUCE—10 VERSIONS

Applesauce in one form or another is used as an accompaniment to duck, goose or pork in countries all around the world. Here are 10 delicious versions.

Sauce Suedoise (French)

To 1 cup thick mayonnaise, add 1 cup thick applesauce and 1 tablespoon freshly grated horseradish. Serve with cold pork or goose. Makes two cups.

Appelkern (Austrian)

Combine 3 grated apples and ¼ cup of sugar (or to taste) with 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish and 2 teaspoons paprika. Stir in enough dry white wine to make a smooth sauce. Makes about 1½ cups. Serve with either pork or goose.

English Applesauce

12 medium tart cooking apples
1 cup boiling water (about)
1 two-inch stick cinnamon
¾ to 1 cup sugar
Dash salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

Peel, core and slice the apples. Place in a heavy saucepan with cinnamon stick and enough boiling water to cover. Cover and cook until the apples are tender, stirring occasionally. Take off the heat—discarding cinnamon—and push through a food mill or a fine sieve. Stir in sugar, salt, nutmeg. Makes approximately six cups. Serve with pork, goose or as a topping on gingerbread.

Danish Applesauce

4 cups cooked puréed apples (about four large apples)
¼ cup sugar or to taste
Grated rind of ½ orange
Juice of ½ orange, strained
Grated rind of ½ lemon
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Sherry

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American Applesauce

6 medium tart cooking apples
Grated rind of ½ orange
¾ cup orange juice
½ to ¾ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
Dash of salt

Peel and slice the apples. Place in a heavy two-quart saucepan with the orange juice. Cover and cook over moderate heat until the apples are soft. Take off the heat and stir in all remaining ingredients. Purée in the blender or push through a food mill. Serve with duck, goose or pork. Makes about three cups.

Sanford Sauce (American)

Combine 2 cups cooked unsweetened applesauce with 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish (or to taste) and ½ cup heavy cream, whipped. Serve with duck, goose or pork. Makes about 2¾ cups.

Swedish Applesauce

3 medium tart apples
½ cup dry white wine
½ cup mayonnaise
Freshly grated horseradish to taste

Peel, core and slice the apples. Place in a heavy saucepan with the wine, cover and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until you have a thick sauce. Take off the heat and cool. When cold, fold in the mayonnaise and the horseradish to taste. Serve with pork, duck or goose. Makes about two cups.

Cumin Applesauce

Combine 2 cups sweetened applesauce with ¼ teaspoon ground cumin seed and a pinch of salt. Mix well. Serve with curried dishes, pork or chicken.

Fennel Applesauce

In a small saucepan, combine 2 cups sweetened applesauce with ¼ teaspoon fennel seed, crushed, and a pinch of salt. Mix very well. Cook over low heat 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve hot or cold with curried dishes, pork or chicken.

Applesauce Chutney

Combine ½ cup applesauce, 2 tablespoons golden raisins with ¾ teaspoon Lea & Perrins. Chill with chicken or pork.

HOW TO PEEL, SLICE, CHOP AND GRATE APPLES

To peel: Holding the apple in one hand, work around and around the fruit with a vegetable peeler or sharp paring knife.
To slice into wedges: Peel, quarter and cut out the core, then slice into the size wedges indicated in the recipe you use.
To slice into rings: Peel or not, as recipe calls for, core (using an apple corer) and then slice across to the thickness desired.
To chop or dice: Peel or not as directed, then core, using an apple corer. Cut in half. Lay one half cut side down. Make parallel cuts the length of the piece. Then holding those pieces together with your left hand, cut across down the full length of the apple to the size wanted. Chop other half the same way.
To chop in precise shapes: Core, using an apple corer. Peel or not, whatever is indicated. Then cut into circles, across, about ¼-inch thick. Pile the circles on top of each other, then slice across both ways. This method is especially good when the apples are to be used in salads and you want precise shapes.
To grate apples: Place a medium-coarse or coarse grater (depending on recipe) on a piece of waxed paper. Rub the fruit against the grater, skin on, working round and round down to the core, which is discarded. *Note:* Pears are grated the same way. Or grate the apples as fine as you want them (not pears) in the electric food processor, using the steel blade.

HOW TO KEEP CUT APPLES FROM TURNING DARK

Make a lemon bath by combining ¼ cup lemon juice (about one lemon) with 1 cup cold water. Immerse the fruit immediately, turning it over with your hands so it is well-coated. Or marinate the fruit in fresh lemon juice, which has the extra virtue of adding flavor. You'll find that orange juice is equally as effective as lemon juice in keeping cut fruits from turning brown. Even juices from such fruits as canned pineapple, peaches, apricots, pears, can be used to inhibit browning. *Fruit Fresh*, by Merck, *(Continued)*

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If apples are firm when you buy them, they can remain at room temperature until they reach the ripeness you like. At that point, if they are not used, they should be refrigerated in the hydrator or in a polyethylene bag, all air squeezed out and tied securely. Whether to eat them stone-cold or not is a matter of personal taste. In general, most fruits are at their flavorful best when eaten at room temperature. ■

THE APPLE CALENDAR

	Eating	Cooking	Color of Skin	
GRAVENSTEIN	Fair	Good	Red, yellow stripes	July-November
GOLDEN DELICIOUS	Good	Good	Golden yellow	August-November
WEALTHY	Fair	Good	Red with green and yellow stripes and splashes	September-December
GRIMES GOLDEN	Good	Good	Clear deep yellow	September-December
CORTLAND	Good	Good	Large red, striped	September-January
DELICIOUS	Good	Fair	Bright red with five points at base	September-May
STAYMAN	Good	Good	Striped red	September-May
McINTOSH	Good	Fair	Deep, rich red	October-May
JONATHON	Good	Fair	Bright red with greenish yellow patches	October-April
RHODE ISLAND GREENING	Poor	Good	Green to yellowish sometimes with rosy blush	October-February
NORTHERN SPY	Good	Good	Large, striped red	October-May
ROME BEAUTY	Fair	Good	Large, round striped red and green with tiny pin dots	October-April
NEWTON PIPPIN	Good	Good	Green, often with yellow tinge	October-January
BALDWIN	Fair	Good	Light yellow or greenish, blushed with red	November-April
WINESAP	Fair	Good	Bright red	November-June

The American apples listed in this chart make up the leading commercial varieties in the U.S. We recommend buying apples in season (you might tuck this chart in your cookbook for handy reference) because that's when they are at their best—firm, crisp, bright and well-colored. However, controlled atmosphere storage has made it possible to extend the storage of some varieties beyond the times given in our chart. *Granny Smith Apples*, imported from New Zealand, are in our markets during June and July. These beautiful, bright green apples (not to be confused with Rhode Island greenings) are tangy, juicy, crisp and cook as well as they "eat."



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How do you prevent "weeping" meringue pies?

Learn to make a good meringue—and this is how it's done: Beat the whites until they just begin to hold a shape. Then add the sugar very slowly, beating constantly. Once all the sugar has been added, continue beating until the meringue holds firm, shiny peaks. Make sure the filling is at room temperature and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until the meringue is tipped with gold. If you follow these rules and the problem persists, it probably indicates that your oven temperature is off. In that case, you should have it calibrated.

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Yes, and here's how: Once you have fitted the pastry into the pie plate and fluted it, fit a large piece of foil into the shell. Fill with dry beans or rice, distributing over the surface and up against the sides. This technique keeps the empty shell from puffing up while baking. Place in a preheated 425° oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until the bottom is set and the edges have browned lightly. Take from the oven, lift out the foil and beans and set aside to use the next time you bake a pie shell. With a pastry brush, brush the shell all over with a lightly beaten egg yolk. Return to the oven for two minutes to set the yolk. The yolk seals the crust and prevents its soaking up whatever mixture goes into the shell. Cool before filling. Remember, this is only *partially* baked and you should follow recipe directions to finish the cooking.

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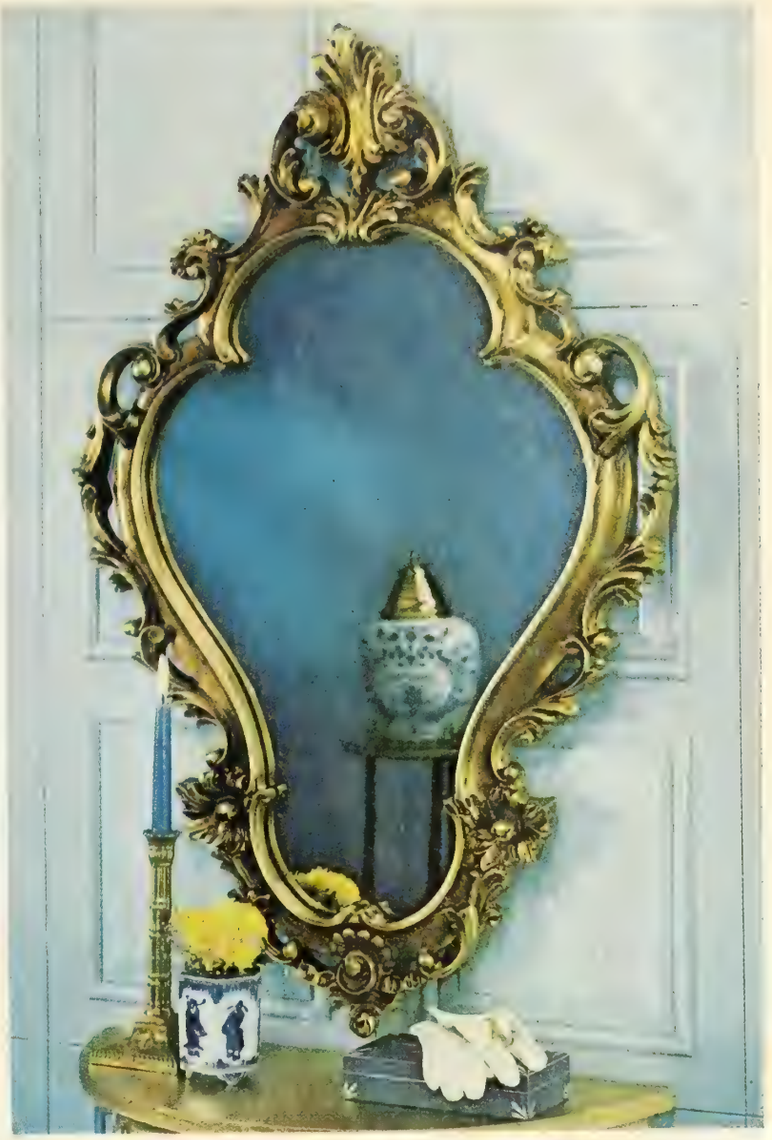
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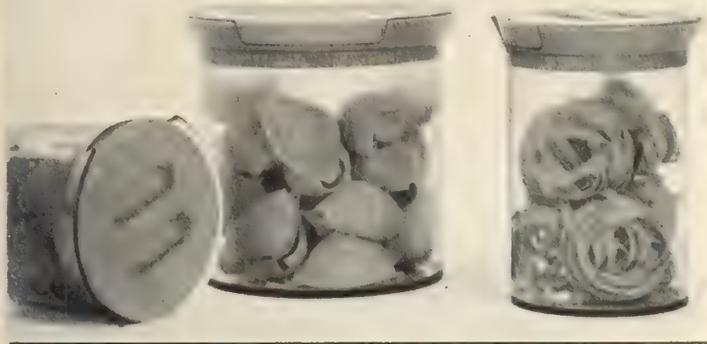
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Poinsettias

—plan now for blooms next Christmas

By SUSAN ROTH BUSH □ The poinsettias of today are remarkably different from those of five years ago. They may retain the leaves and colored bracts (what we call "flowers") for months rather than weeks; the colors are brilliant and range from red to pink to white to variegated.

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Along with all these improvements, today's poinsettias are also easier to carry over from one year to another. Be sure to start with a healthy plant. Bright green foliage indicates a sound root system. Plants without much pollen showing on the true flowers (the yellow growths surrounded by the petal-like bracts) will last longest in your home.

Temperature and humidity are important now and whenever the plant is not dormant. Ideally, the day temperature should be around 70°, the night around 60°. Keep the plant away from drafts and sudden temperature changes—conditions that tend to cause poinsettias to lose leaves and bracts prematurely. Keep a large dish of gravel under the pot and water the plant well whenever the top of the soil is dry, adding water at room temperature to the top until some runs out the bottom. But do not let the pot sit in the water.

In February or early March, the poinsettia leaves and bracts will turn yellow and drop. This means the plant is going dormant. Put it in a cool dim place—a basement or closet. Gradually stop watering until you are adding water every two weeks, just enough to keep the main stems from shriveling. Don't be alarmed when the poinsettia loses all its leaves. This is natural; the plant needs rest.

Bring the plant back to civilization about the first of May. Using fresh soil, repot in the same clay pot or one slightly larger. A proper growing medium is essential; use one part peat moss, one part garden soil and one part horticultural perlite. Next, cut the stems back to six inches; water well. A warm sunny spot will do the final trick in breaking dormancy.

When danger of frost is over, the plant can be taken out into the garden—or left in a sunny window if need be. Outdoors, dig a hole and sink the plant, pot and all, into the soil. Be sure it has enough water throughout the summer and fertilize once a month. An occasional twist of the pot will keep the plant growing evenly and prevent the roots from growing out the drainage hole.

During the last two weeks of August, cut the plant back or it will be too tall. If your poinsettia is the standard single-stem variety (recognized by having several plants in one pot, each having borne one flower), cut back, leaving three or four leaves on each stem. A multiflowering poinsettia must be treated differently. (It has one many-branched plant per pot, each branch having borne a flower.) Cut each main branch back, leaving two or three healthy leaves. Since a flower will form for every branch that is left, some pruning and shaping may be necessary.

As long as the weather stays warm, your poinsettia may remain outdoors. Continue watering and feeding. Bring indoors to a sunny place well ahead of frost. The poinsettia is tropical and cold will kill it.

Once it's indoors, try to give the temperature, light and humidity conditions mentioned previously, as they will help produce Christmas bloom.

Now comes the crucial part. The poinsettia will flower only if it has short days and long nights. Find a dark hideaway for your plant. Put it in a room that no one will enter after dark or design a large opaque box to cover the plant. Be sure that it is made lightproof by stapling heavy cloth over it.

To have Christmas flowers, put your poinsettia in the dark from five at night until eight the next morning starting Oct. 10. Remember, even the smallest flash of light will be enough to disrupt flowering. A little longer in the dark won't hurt; less may prevent flowering. ■



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Seed sprouting

—easy indoor vegetable gardening

By JOANNE DEAN □ Each time I see a dried lima bean, I remember growing them in the first grade. Dried beans were placed in clear jars and pieces of damp blotter, just large enough to fit around the sides of the jar, put in place. Then, with our names on our jars, they were put in a dark cupboard.

Each day we took out our jars to examine our beans and wet the blotters. Our teacher had told us that we would see the wonder of new life, that plants would come from our bean seeds. The little girls in class nodded their heads in amazement when the beans sprouted. I did not realize that some day I would, as an adult, be following almost the same procedure—but producing food.

Though there is a great variety of edible plant sprouts, most people know only bean sprouts. Commercial bean sprouts, fresh or canned, can be found in many parts of our country. Unless you grow your own, the way the Chinese do, you are missing much in nutrition, taste and texture. Fresh sprouts deteriorate rapidly in the markets. Commercial canners are to be commended for their efforts, but canned sprouts are not like fresh home-grown ones.

When you eat bean sprouts, you are technically eating the hypocotyl (stem) and cotyledon (seed leaf) of developing bean plants. Although beans are excellent food, it is more desirable to eat the sprout, since vitamin C forms during the sprouting.

Bean sprouts are low in calories, high in vitamins and minerals. Gaylord Hauser has a chart on their food values in *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall,* and Adelle Davis has one in her book, *Let's Get Well.* Their charts use different terms of measurements, but certain conclusions can be drawn. Bean sprouts have protein (bean protein), calcium, iron, carbohydrates, vitamins A, B^1, B^2, Niacin, and C. Mrs. Davis lists other minerals: phosphorus, potassium and sodium.

Although different containers are recommended by different seed-sprouting authorities, the basic simple method is always the same. The seeds are first soaked in lukewarm water overnight. The next morning, they are placed in a container and put into a warm, dark place. About noon the container is taken out and rinsed, and the seeds are flooded with fresh lukewarm water. Then all the water is drained away and the container returned to the dark place. The same flushing and draining process takes place again in the evening. (Distilled water might be necessary in some areas of the country.)

When the sprouts have developed to nearly the desired length, usually in about three days, they are removed from the dark place and put into the light for the last day. The sprouts are flushed in the morning and at noon. Washing is the final step, with the process differing slightly with different sprouts.

Mung beans are used to grow Chinese bean sprouts. Joyce Chen suggests a container for growing sprouts and a good way to wash bean sprouts in the *Joyce Chen Cookbook.* To grow bean sprouts, she uses a new clean clay flowerpot at least 10 inches by eight inches. It is converted to a sprouter by covering the hole in the bottom with a bathtub drain protector. The lid of a cooking pot is used as a cover for the container.

Her method for washing and cleaning mung bean sprouts is my favorite. Remove the sprouts from the pot and put them into a sink full of clean water. While they're in the water, rub the sprouts gently to loosen the green hulls and, hopefully, the roots. Put the sprouts in a wire basket and wash them under the faucet. The hulls and roots should wash away while the shoots remain in the basket. The clean, drained shoots will keep fairly well in plastic bags in the refrigerator.

We kitchen-garden with tall square-sided quart glass jars with screw tops, and stainless steel screen centers for rinsing and draining the sprouts. This sprout jar is available by mail from Jolley's, P.O. Box 145, La Mirada, Calif. 90638.

The square sides let us stack the jars so they take up less space under the sink. With the jars, we must be careful not to use too many seeds, since sprouting seeds swell up many times their original size.

After you learn to grow the familiar bean sprouts, you can sprout many different seeds: unhulled sesame, sunflower, millet, fenugreek, wheat, rye, oats, corn, barley, lentils, green peas, lima beans and chick peas.

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the first agricultural crop of China, but the people could have gathered wild soybeans before they cultivated them.

Mung beans, *Phaseolus aureus,* look black when dry but become green during sprouting. Mung beans are called green beans by the Chinese. Commercial bean sprouts are called mung bean sprouts. The sprouts should be eaten when they are 1½ to three inches long and a few true leaves have appeared. These sprouts should be barely heated through, in contrast to soybean sprouts, which should cook about five minutes. Mung beans may be strange to you, but you are familar with their genus *Phaseolus* in lima beans, kidney beans and string beans.

Ready-to-eat alfalfa shoots (alfalfa seeds are among our favorites) have dainty leaves on top of delicate stems about three inches long and are sprouted in the basic manner.

They are almost ready when the tiny leaves have formed, about the fourth day. When the leaves appear, the container should be moved into the light. That evening they should be put in a bowl of water to separate them, then dropped lightly back into the jar, a few at a time, to keep them from packing. In the morning they will have completely filled the jar and are ready to be stored in the refrigerator. To avoid overfilling, sprout only a tablespoon of the small seeds per quart jar.

Alfalfa, *Mediaego sativa,* a high-protein plant, probably originated in the Mediterranean and later came to the Atlantic seaboard as lucerne, a name by which it is still known. Washington and Jefferson attempted to grow it, but it did not do well until it came to California with the gold-seekers. Young alfalfa shoots, noted for a high vitamin C content, are best eaten raw.

Sprout growers should not use the seeds intended for agriculture. These are often treated with insecticides and are not intended for human consumption. We buy ours in a health food store. If you do not have one in your area, write one of these outlets for information on ordering seeds: Fearn Soya Foods, 4520 James Place, Milrose Park, Ill. 60160 (this firm offers an introductory assortment containing one pound each of alfalfa, mung, soybeans and wheat seeds for $5.95 postpaid); El Molino Mills, P.O. Box 2156, City of Industry, Calif. 91746 (soybeans and other seeds); Joyce Chen, P.O. Box 3, Cambridge, Mass. 02138 (she has a mail-order service and will probably have mung beans and soy beans); Nichols Garden Nursery, 1190 North Pacific Highway, Albany, Ore. 97321 (mung beans and alfalfa seed).

Most sprouts are better for you if eaten raw. If we use sprouts in cooked dishes, they are added just a few minutes before serving. Raw sprouts are eaten in salads, sandwiches or sprinkled over cooked vegetables. Our favorite way to use alfalfa is on sandwiches; the delicate shoots either become lost in salads or pack together if a thick dressing is used. We have enjoyed raw bean sprout salad with blue cheese dressing.

To make a Chinese raw bean sprout salad: Put a pound of bean sprouts in a colander and pour boiling water over it. Then rinse the sprouts with cold water. Make a dressing of two tablespoons soy sauce, one teaspoon peanut oil and a teaspoon sugar. Toss the salad in the dressing and chill.

Sprouted wheat bread is delicious, too. Wheat should be sprouted until the sprouts are as long as the seeds. The sprouts can be chopped or blended or used whole in the bread dough. (We prefer it whole.) Work the sprouts into the dough during the last kneading, using one cup of sprouts for every two cups of liquid in the bread recipe you use.

In our house, we bake two loaves of bread at a time. About three days ahead, we start to sprout six tablespoons of wheat. This gives us more than enough. Sprouted wheat bread is usually made with whole wheat flour. We use a basic white bread recipe and substitute whole wheat flour for half the white flour that's called for.

Our favorite cooked sprout is the mung bean. This recipe is for a vegetable side dish, but it can be converted to a main dish. Leftover roast chicken, turkey, pork or beef can be cut into slivers about ⅛ inch thick and two inches long. About a cup to a cup and a half of the slivers will be right for a pound of bean sprouts. Sometimes, my husband and I take slightly over a half pound of bean curd cake (available in most stores that carry Oriental foods) and cut it into cubes an inch square and use these instead of meat.

Bean sprouts should be just barely heated through—they're truly a (*Continued on page 169*)



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By SHARON SCHLACKS ☐ The shrieking of the neighborhood kids penetrates your bedroom. What can you do beyond starting a feud or selling your house?

Try installing a green muffler in your back yard. A green muffler is simply a belt of trees and shrubs planted to mask noise.


ALICE UCHIYAMA

Recent research shows, in fact, that green belts can absorb up to 65% of unwanted noise.

How does a cedar or hemlock buffer the whine of a mower or cushion the clash of garbage cans? The trunk, branches, twigs, leaves and fruit break up sound waves and change their direction, thereby reducing their intensity. Vegetation also diverts the wind carrying the sound waves. And the rustling leaves and chirping birds help mask the sound of traffic, too.

A single pine or scattered privet will not do the trick. But here are eight ideas to help.

1. Remember it's the massed effect that muffles. The density of the plants, the height of the trees and the width of the belt are extremely important for each particular situation. In general, the louder the noise, the more vegetation you need, and the wider your green belt, the better the sound control. For example, plantings to screen highway noise ought to be at least 25 to 35 feet thick.

2. Combine trees and shrubs in border plantings. Shrubs don't grow high enough or the tree branches low enough for either choice to provide good absorption by itself. Place the shorter plants nearer the noise and the taller ones closer to the hearer. This pushes sound upward and away from the hearer.

3. Select evergreens for year-round protection. Since evergreens don't shed their foliage in fall and winter, they make more useful year-round screens. Studies show that certain evergreens are especially effective, including the arborvitae, douglas fir, spruce and pine, all of which have foliage to the ground. Effective medium-to-short trees and shrubs include the yews, euonymus, privet and pyracantha. Other evergreens, such as hemlock, holly and juniper are not as efficient. Effective deciduous plants include thickets of sassafras and pawpaw as well as mixed species.

4. Space plants appropriately. Place green belts closer to the noise than to the hearer. This positioning has been proven most effective. Do not place a screen midway between the noise and the hearer, for that method is the least effective.

5. Consider the land surface. Hard surfaces such as paved or graveled roads have little or no value in eliminating traffic noise and may amplify and reflect the sound. If possible, replace hard-surface gravel paths or patios with ground covers or grass.

6. Before planting, check land-use requirements. You may be legally restricted in planting tall trees and shrubs by safety and right-of-way standards or land-use requirements. If you are so restricted or if the lack of existing land forms should prevent you from planting a screen, use combinations of shorter shrubs and tall grass or other suitable ground covers. For example, two fast-growing ground covers or bank binders include crown-vetch and bush honeysuckle. Where any space allows, shrub roses make dense cover. *Rosa rugosa* is especially useful in areas of sandy soil.

7. Investigate all possibilities for your own locality. For further information on specific varieties and combinations of plants for your specific region, consult your area nurseryman, extension horticulturist or landscape architect. You may also wish to send 50 cents to the Department of Information, East Campus, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 68503, for "Trees and Shrubs for Noise Abatement."

8. Be realistic about your expectations. No matter how dense or wide you plant a green screen, you will not eliminate sound. Higher-frequency screechy noises are more likely to be absorbed than low-frequency rumbles. But a green muffler will reduce the sound from a disturbing roar to a level where you are able to ignore it. ■



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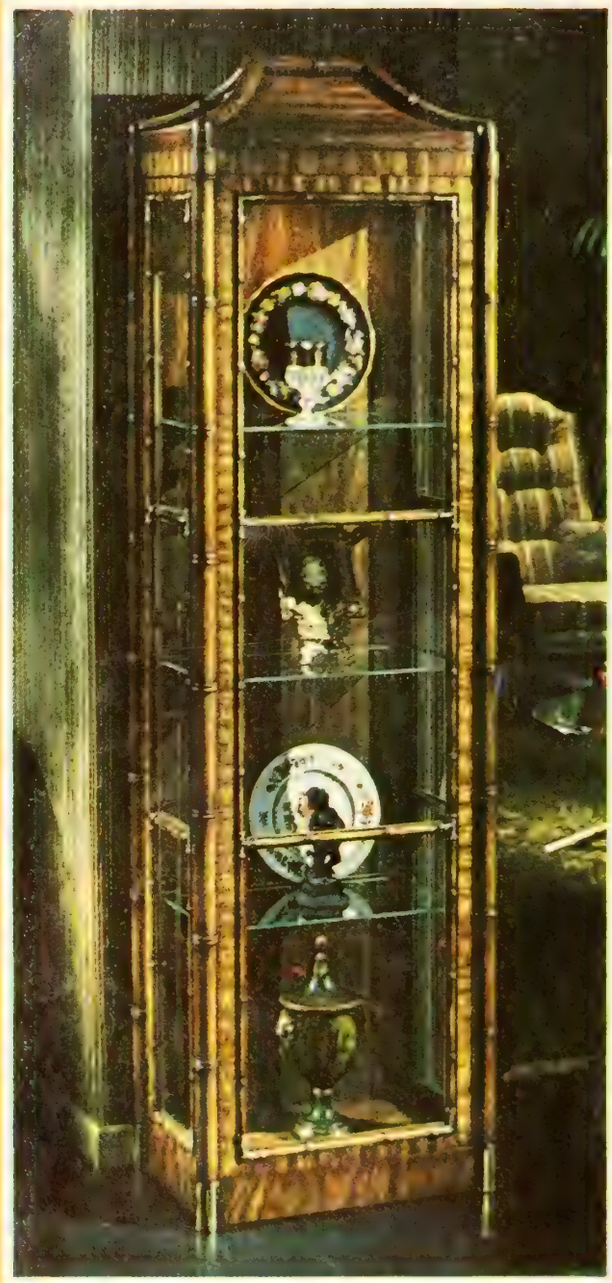
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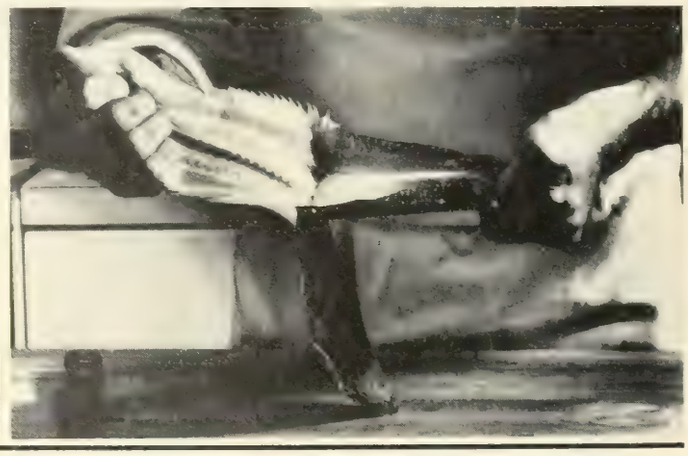
HOW TO CLEAN, BONE AND COOK FRESH SOLE

By Jacques Pépin

You'll find sole, especially Dover sole, featured in fine restaurants throughout the country—and rightly so, for this is probably the most versatile of all fish. It is the best of the "flat" fish family (which includes fluke, flounder, dab, lemon sole and gray sole, to cite the best known) and it can be prepared in more than a hundred different ways. It is excellent broiled, poached whole or filleted, in mousses, paupiette (rolled), sautéed in butter, deep-fried and baked, to give you only a few examples. And if sole is not available in your fish market, any recipe for cooking Dover sole can usually be applied to its kith or kin with very good results.

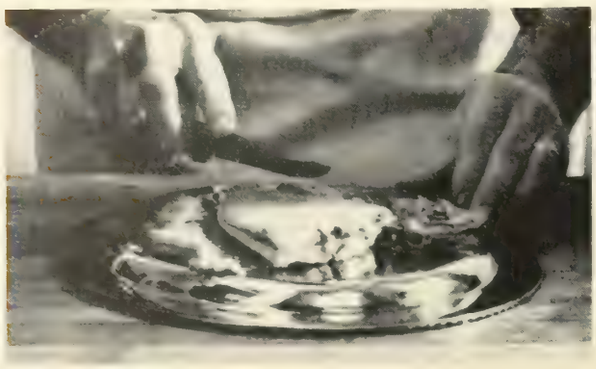
When you are shopping for fresh sole, you should figure that a one-pound sole will give you a five- or six-ounce portion when prepared for serving—that is, filleted and without the head and bones. With the following pictures to guide you, you can easily learn how to prepare fresh sole professionally, and we also have included one of our favorite sole recipes, Sole Bercy. You're sure to find numerous others in any of the good standard cookbooks.

Once you master these simple techniques, you'll see how easy it is to clean your own fresh sole. First, loosen the black skin at the very tip of the tail by scraping it just enough so that you can take hold of the skin with your fingers. Take a firm grip on the skin and then pull it off in one piece. Discard that skin. Scale the white or under side, but leave the skin on. Next, using sharp scissors, cut off the protruding fins all around. And finally, push out the entrails with the end handle of a sharp knife. When this step is done, wash the fish carefully—and you're ready to cook it according to the instructions in the recipe you choose.



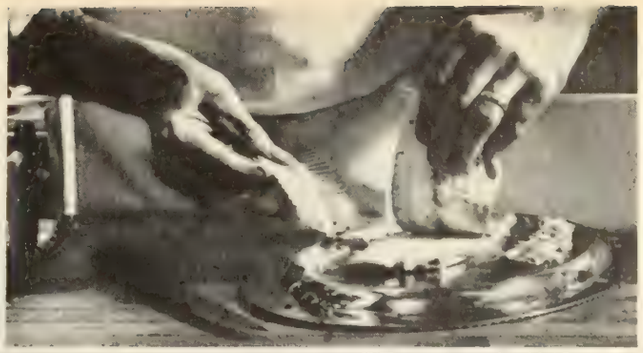
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For the photograph below, we simply poached our sole in white wine with minced shallots for four to five minutes. After you have cooked the sole, lift the fish from the poaching liquid and place it on a flat surface, such as a tray or platter, as we have pictured here. Then, with a knife, separate the bones from the flesh all around the edge of the fish by pressing down with the knife. When the fish is cooked properly, the center bone will stick up, separating the flesh, and this will be very easy to do.



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Now lift up the top half of the sole and pull out the backbone. Separate the fillets, then arrange on a well-buttered plate.



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Cover the fish so it will stay moist and keep warm in a low (140°) oven. Prepare your sauce and coat the fish just before serving.



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Sole Bercy

4 one-pound Dover soles
½ cup (1 stick) sweet butter
6 to 8 shallots, peeled and minced
Handful of parsley sprigs, minced
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
¼ pound button mushrooms, sliced
1 cup dry white wine
1 cup clam juice
½ cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons flour
Lemon juice
Minced parsley for garnish

Take a shallow pan large enough to hold the fish flat. Butter the bottom well with about 3 or 4 tablespoons of the butter, then sprinkle with minced shallots, minced parsley, salt and pepper. Lay the prepared sole skin side up (that is the white side), as shown in photograph 1, left. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add the mushrooms, wine and clam juice. Butter a piece of waxed paper large enough to cover the fish and lay on top, buttered-side down. Bring to a boil on top of the stove over a high heat. Then place in a preheated 425° oven and cook for eight minutes. You will notice that the center bone sticks up and separates the flesh, which indicates the fish is cooked perfectly.

Lift the fish to a flat surface and separate the bones as shown in photograph 2. Then place on a buttered heated platter and keep warm in a low (120°) oven. Cover with the buttered paper.

Pour the pan juices into a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook down until you have 1 cup left. Mix the remaining butter with the flour and add bit by bit to the sauce, whipping constantly with a wire whisk. Bring to a boil for two minutes. Stir in the cream and again bring to a boil. Taste for salt and pepper. Stir in a few drops of lemon juice, pour over the fish and sprinkle with the minced parsley garnish. Serves four. ■



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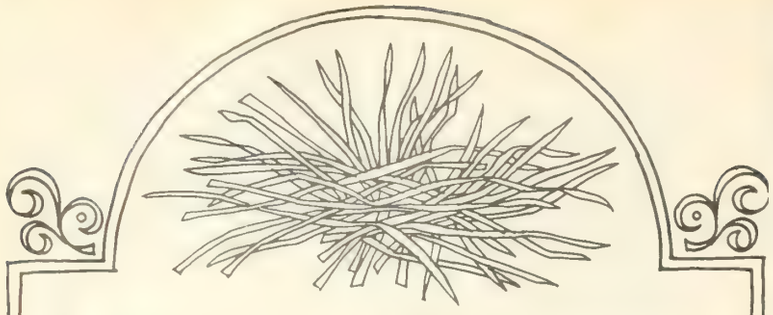


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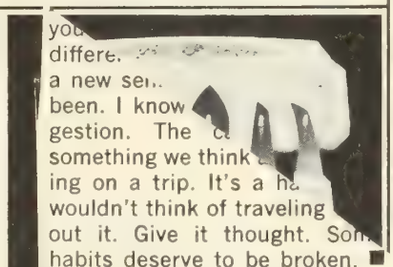
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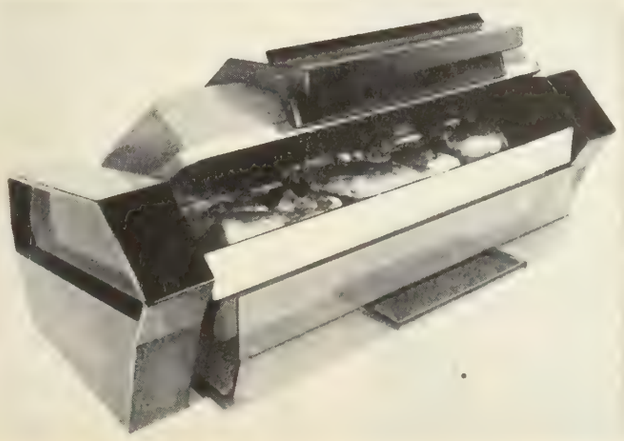


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Camera slavery

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By LEONARD S. BERNSTEIN □ Most travelers don't know this, but they are *camera slaves.*

Most travelers think they own one or two cameras. That's incorrect. The cameras own them.

Most travelers think a camera is just a piece of mechanical equipment. It's not. A camera is alive—it has a life of its own.

At least 99 out of 100 travelers bring a camera, and I'm one of the 99. I have photographs of every church in Italy. I have my wife in front of every national monument in Rome. I have our guides, our cars, the flea markets, the cafes. I can take you on a photographic excursion that will last three hours.

I found out I was a camera slave the first time I dragged some friends through my photo collection of Italian churches.

"Hey, everyone, how would you like to see the pictures of our trip to Italy?"

Silence.

"Oh, you'll love them, and it will only take a few minutes. I'll go get them. Jack, maybe you'll help me carry them up."

Seventeen churches follow, with painfully familiar dialogue. But at the 18th church: "And here's Rita in front of the Church of St. Francis in Assisi." (As though someone were having trouble figuring out who it was.) "Notice that I didn't get the exact light reading."

"What's *inside* the church?" Jack yawned.

"Inside the church?"

It came upon me at once—painfully. I never went inside.

I remember the day. The sun smiled for a brief half hour. I leaped into the back seat for the camera. I hadn't missed a church picture yet. I gauged the sun, set the distance. It wasn't very good—bad angle.

"Rita, would you run around to the other side so I can get the columns? Would you hurry please? The sun's going down."

Sound familiar?

Anyway, I got the churcl and we climbed back in the ca *And we never went inside.*

All we missed was the grea est collection of Giotto frescoe in the world. Maybe one of th 10 most important works of th entire Italian Renaissance.

I realized that picture-shov ing night that I had seen Ital through the eye of my camera It was simple. Anything wort seeing, the camera had to see And a camera is demanding It has its idiosyncrasies; it ha light meters and distance dials it is like a spoiled child—i must always have its own wa or else it will refuse to respond

And so I would drive through a town in Italy and com upon a magnificent Romanesqu church. I should have gotte out of the car and stood in fron of it. I should have seen it with my eye and felt the sense of it But that's not how it happens

After you look at the churcl for a moment, there is a littl man inside the camera wh tugs at your sleeve. It's time for him to see the church After all, the sun may go down

"You didn't spend $150 or me for nothing," says the camera. "You didn't carry me or your shoulder all this distance for no reason. And don't forge your albums at home and your friends who are waiting to see your photographs of Italy. It's *my* turn to see the church."

And so it is.

And eventually, the camera trained me. I searched each town for snapshots. My eye looked for angles, for shadows, for depth and background. The camera's eye became my eye.

It's not as obvious as that. I didn't drive into town, stop the car and take a light reading. It was more subtle, sort of semi-conscious, and therefore more insidious. You never really know how much pull a camera has.

I know that a lot of Italy passed me by. I have great photos, but my mental image of the country exists in two by three-inch rectangles. If I lose my photo album, I won't remember a thing about it.

And, of course, in obedience to my master, I sometimes failed to visit inside. Cameras don't like you to go inside. They can't have any fun there.

Now you will say that all of this is ridiculous, that the camera is only an adjunct that allows you to remember a trip many years after. You will say that you see all there is to see, and then photograph the highlights. I don't think so. When the camera hangs around your neck, it *demands* a consciousness. It has you looking for the sun; it has you thinking f-stops.



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While you are deeply involved in the stunning experience of Michelangelo's David, there is that little man hurrying you so he can see it also.

Think about it. How much time does *your* eye have, and how much time does the camera's eye have? And since a photograph is a permanent record, how many times do you finally settle for a photograph against a personal experience.

But once a camera slave, not always a camera slave. The following year, I led a revolt against my camera. I left it home. It wasn't an easy thing to do.

My wife said, "You have to bring the camera—how will I remember where we visited?"

My mother said, "You have to bring the camera. How will you prove you were there?'

My camera said, "Ten years of beautiful photographs and now you're not going to take *any*? Take me along. One or two very special photographs—what harm can I do?"

The bonds of slavery are not broken by compromise. We went to France. The camera didn't.

I'll admit it took me a day or two to feel comfortable without my camera. But soon I experienced a new sense of freedom, as though a knapsack had been taken off my back.

In Italy, I had always felt a vague fence between me and the country—and I stood on one side and looked across. It's easy to feel that way. You take photographs and you think you possess the country. Not at all—you possess the photographs.

In France, without a camera to photograph the other side of the fence, I walked across. I talked to everyone and wandered everywhere. I realized at once that not only did my camera steal my eyes, but it stole my spirit. It made me photograph something that I should have touched or talked to.

In Beaune, there are tennis courts. I didn't photograph the tennis courts—I walked on to them and asked for a game. In St. Tropez, I found a basketball game going. No chance that I would have asked for a game the previous year. Now it was different, and after the game I had five friends, each anxious to suggest his favorite cafe or to ask me to lunch.

It was a different trip and a different feeling, and from now on the genie in my camera is just going to have to stay there. As for bringing back photographs, that's easy. You can buy them everywhere, and they're better than any I ever took.

I urge you to try leaving your camera. You will enjoy a different experience and have a new sense of where you have been. I know it's a radical suggestion. The camera is not something we think about bringing on a trip. It's a habit—we wouldn't think of traveling without it. Give it thought. Some habits deserve to be broken. ■

Manners

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bastion still of conservative pedagogical principles. The fact that the school has an undeniably high academic reputation, is racially integrated if not perfectly balanced and is relatively free of arson, extortion and theft has not, however, been adequate to commend the school to most Berkeley parents.

On the contrary. It has been dubbed *West Point West* by the majority of parents who don't send their children there and even by some who do. The mother who phoned falls into the latter category. She had entered her daughter in the school against what she calls her *convictions* solely because, "She'll get a better education there, though I certainly don't go along with all the rest of those things they have to do."

Strangely, the possibility of any remote connection between "a better education" and "all the rest of those things" has never occurred to her. "All the rest of those things" amounts to little more than a gentle encouragement towards developing certain forms of address and courtesy—what we used to call good manners.

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My silence was long and intended to convey serious thought, while I regrouped and concentrated my scattered excuses. "Tell me," I countered, "does your *husband* ever stand up for anyone?" I wasn't being completely facetious; I really was curious to know if she felt that standing up for someone was an action that was inherently or only occasionally wicked.

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that formal stuff. After all," she added in an effort to persuade me of the reasonableness of her irritation, "standing up for someone is supposed to be a sign of respect.

"Of course, he stands up if he is being introduced to someone, especially people from other countries," she hastily added, as if to correct any wrong impression I might have gotten as to her husband's good will toward people regardless of their race, creed or national origin.

Now I really was confused. How can you know someone if you haven't been introduced to them, and if you don't know them, how do you know they deserve the respect that standing up for them signifies, and wasn't that her objection to the class's rising in the first place? And couldn't we explain this form of courtesy as a sort of abbreviated introduction, the least disturbing way to introduce 18 persons to one person?

But I didn't attempt the explanation. Jennifer's mother wouldn't have understood me. She was communicating with me as honestly as she knew how by actual four-letter word count, but there was something bothering her that she wasn't telling me. Perhaps she didn't realize what it was, but it seems to me to be the key to the whole bizarre liberal mothers-versus-good manners syndrome.

What was bothering her was the fanatically held assumption that one must never, never—upon pain of deportation to the Orinda suburbs (an area inhabited almost solely by the rich, the uninvolved and the Republican, as opposed to Berkeley, which is inhabited by the rich-pretending-to-be-poor, the compulsively involved and the Radical Democrat)—teach one's child any form of social amenity that might tend to differentiate him from his less-advantaged, newly integrated playfellows.

The fact that it is less awkward to eat one's dessert with a smaller fork than one eats one's meat appears grossly supericilious, if not actually subversive, to the average Berkeley mother. She would rather, even if it meant more rather than less work, allow her table service to be used with absolute caprice by all members of her family, regardless of age and education. To suggest any systematic usage would be to inculcate her children with knowledge that might be denied those families without a complete table service—or worse, without the meat and dessert.

I readily confess that my own children dine with no more elaborate niceties than do the children of some of my more socially conscious neighbors, but it is not because I'm either permissive or excessively guilt-ridden. I remain unconvinced that the abandonment of all social amenities is necessarily conducive to loving one's neighbor. It is simply that I am weak and my children are many and strong.

When Julie splits an Oreo cookie and meticulously scrapes off all the center cream with her two front teeth and then crumbles the rest onto her plate to be eaten in some ritualistic order of size and shape I have yet to understand (even after observing her four older sisters pass through the same mysterious compulsion), I don't claim to see in this performance signs of her creative freedom or innate sense of curiosity. I see she's made a mess and taken great delight in doing so, and I despair of ever completely curbing such instincts.

In my own and my children's defense, I must add that my civilizing efforts are constantly being undermined by the parents of my children's friends and, until I removed the children to a private institution, even more insidiously by the Berkeley Public School system.

Some years ago, one child came home from class and informed me that her teacher had said that they must all be more tolerant of cultural differences. This was the year just preceding the city-wide busing experiment, and I nodded a vigorous and heartfelt approval. She then talked rather gleefully about using four-letter words.

"Peggy!" I interrupted, aghast, "What are you saying? You know your father would . . . would . . . uh . . ." I stuttered to a pause over the jolts of the totally forbidden words.

"Mother," Peggy interjected firmly, "it's alright to say those words. People only *think* they're bad. It's actually good to use them. You know, to let off steam when you're mad at someone."

"Oh," I murmured, steam pouring forth from my eyes, ears and nose.

"Yeah, and Miss Leonard said . . ."

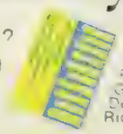
"Yes, not yeah," I instinctively corrected her.

Peggy paused, took a deep breath and repeated in one big gulp: "People who have to have good manners are hypocritical falsehoods and out of touch with modern times. Those words are a more *sincere* way of human relationships . . ." I had the feeling that she wanted to



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say something more but could not remember how it went.

"Goodness gracious," I murmured. I am not generally so inarticulate, but I had determined to let the subject drop, assuming her teacher's position was a personal and isolated aberration.

I was wrong. A semi-official directive went forth from the Board of Education to the effect that due to the new busing program, many children would come into contact with children from homes where gross profanity was not only acceptable but an almost indespensable mode of communication. The implicit racial condescension was not lost on the children. Other traditional rules of conduct fell victim to the unrelenting axe of the new educational approach, cutting a broad, vague path toward the goal of learning together in different but equal lifestyles. Before the children ever had a chance to compete, all the standards were lowered and all values but integration were discredited.

And when the use of four-letter words became the accepted mode of dissipating hostile feelings, did all the children freed of archaic verbal restraints, learn to play and work together happily? Hardly. The new freedom simply became a license for them to fling unpleasant epithets.

But the obvious is too simple for my sophisticated, liberated, cooperative mothers. And thus, I was compelled to sit, my mouth frozen into a grimace of attention, while Dr. Harmlan explained to 32 well-mannered ladies the extremely complex and dangerous symptoms usually masked by externally acceptable behavior. The room was very still, no shifting in one's seat, no rummaging through purses. One poor woman spent 15 minutes trying to extract the lifesaver that was stuck to the other lifesavers clutched in her closed hand. She stopped many times to give her full attention to Dr. Harmlan, and no one would have guessed her secret if they had not been seated beside her.

My hands were folded in my lap, my eyes directed near Dr. Harmlan's left ear while I made out dinner menus, set up new car pool schedules, thought of the movie I'd seen two weeks ago and occasionally glanced up to show I was still awake.

Soon, I prayed, let it be over. *To make a child say thank you for a glass of milk he may not have wanted could easily turn him against milk and possibly have an adverse effect on his entire eating pattern.* What's an eating pattern? I had a vision of children eating in circles and rows and triangles. *When he throws food, he is trying to tell you something. You must remember, a mother must listen with more than just her ears.* He's probably heard about Julie *When you see a class or a child that demonstrates correct behavior, there's a good chance that behavior is meant to hide something.* If I really thought my children wouldn't *eventually* be well-mannered, I don't know what I'd do. Oh, well . . . just one and a half more years of nursery school, six more mandatory meetings and maybe I'll get time off for good behavior.

When I thanked Dr. Harmlan after the lecture for coming to speak to us, I had a momentary fright that he was going to turn on me and demand to know what I was hiding. But he looked pleased, in a bored sort of way, and I had the feeling he was as grateful for the formality of our little scene as I was. All the ladies thanked him, and several cornered him. I left; even cruelty to lecturers bothers me. ■

Bean-sprouting

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flash-in-the-pan vegetable. The minute the beans and liquid are hot, the mixture must be thickened and served immediately.

Bean Sprout Sauté

Salad oil: corn, peanut or sesame
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger or ¼ teaspoon ginger powder
1 clove minced garlic or to taste
1 pound fresh bean sprouts
1 cup stock, chicken or beef
2 tablespoons soy
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons cornstarch

Have everything ready to cook beforehand and near the stove. Combine the soy, water and cornstarch in a small container. Use just enough salad oil to cover the bottom of a Dutch oven or wok (about 3 tablespoons). Turn the heat up and when the oil is hot, add the bean sprouts, garlic and ginger. Turning them rapidly, let the sprouts come in contact with the hot fat. If meat or bean curd is added, put it in now. Add the stock and cover the pan. Stand nearby while it cooks. Just as soon as the mixture seems hot to you, add the cornstarch mixture. Stir rapidly to distribute evenly. Serve immediately. This basic recipe will serve four. ■



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When Bob and Ellyn Carlson bought this 18th-century farmhouse, it was empty, slowly decaying and surrounded by over-grown plants (above and right).

"You won't be able to restore that old house for less than $20,000." Such was the opinion one banker presented to Bob and Ellyn Carlson before they purchased this splendid 200-year-old farmhouse near Boston. This was discouraging to the just-married Carlsons, whose present budget was strained to pay for the house, much less to restore it. Yet, against the advice of professionals, friends and relatives, but blessed with youthful exuberance and optimism, the Carlsons bought the house and plunged into the formidable task of renovating it.

As the "before" and "after" photographs illustrate here, the house today makes a highly attractive home for the Carlsons and their two young



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With shrubbery trimmed, fresh paint applied to the clapboard siding and shutters, and a new asphalt shingle roof put on, this 175-year-old home is far from the derelict it was becoming. A very desirable property now, its value has risen considerably. Previously worn interiors are bright, livable and well-decorated.

children. And moreover, they proved the banker was wrong. Their total financial input for the changeover came to slightly more than $4,000. A detailed list of their expenses appears on page 174.

The Carlsons' conservative nay-sayer friends wanted to know how so much was accomplished for so little money. The answer: essentially, by tackling jobs they could handle on their own and leaving work they couldn't manage to professionals. For example, Ellyn papered and painted and Bob hammered, spackled, cleaned and insulated. But new asphalt shingles were applied by a professional roofing contractor. And a chimney sweep put the old chimneys back in action.

Hard work was perhaps half the reason the Carlsons reduced their remodeling expenses. The other half can be called a tribute to their resourcefulness.

At the very beginning, they knew that the outside of the house had to be extensively scraped, cleaned and painted. Since the task was too large and risky for them, they struck it off their own work list. Yet, having the painting done by a local company was considerably outside their meager budget. The solution: They posted a notice for help at Boston College, and four young men gladly volunteered to do the work for $500, a sum that seemed handsome to the students at the time. During the boys' labors, Ellyn Carlson kept them stoked with coffee, hearty sandwiches and an occasional beer. When the job was completed, the young couple treated the students to a steak dinner.

At other times, the Carlsons bargained. A worn wing chair needed reupholstering about the same time Bob wanted to sell his old station wagon for $250. Miraculously, they found an upholsterer who needed an old station wagon. He bought the rattly car for $200 and reupholstered the chair at no charge.

One would expect Bob and Ellyn to be wizards at painting, papering, carpentry and so on before they bought their house. The results certainly attest to their professionalism. Remarkably, neither of them had much experience. Their own self-appraisal before they made their purchase: "We're all thumbs." An unflagging spirit and a willingness to make mistakes and learn by them carried them through—not unusual for first-time home buyers, since the excitement of owning and fixing up your first house is an altogether heady experience.

They surely needed spirit. The scene inside their new house was grim. During those initial weeks of occupancy, Ellyn had to wash dishes in the bathtub. They both swept, scrubbed, washed and scoured, from attic to cellar. The two most vital areas—the kitchen and second-floor bath—were restored first.

Then, for the next two years, Bob and Ellyn Carlson lived among half-filled paint buckets, drop cloths, plaster dust, paper rolls and tracked-in dirt as they worked on the landscaping, living room, dining room, exterior and, finally, the family room



Clean, trim and functional, the Carlsons' new kitchen was the first major restoration in the house. Cabinets are painted a fresh coral. Door leads to their new study.



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and first-floor bath. With the first floor completed, they intend next to rearrange the second floor. As the plan shows below there is no connecting second-floor hallway between both the front and back of the house, since the two halves of the house were built at different points in time.

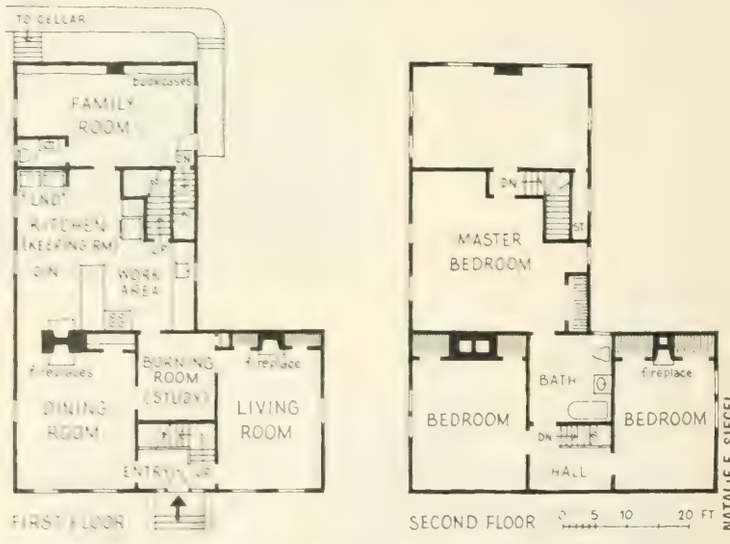
Their achievement becomes even more remarkable when one considers that Ellyn was pregnant during eight months of the work, and Bob was studying law at night while continuing to hold down a paying job during the day. His handyman efforts on the house were accomplished during his "spare" time—spare indeed.

Would they do it all over again knowing now what they had to endure? "Well," mused Ellyn, "We would probably look for a house in better condition, and then have more work done by professionals. I've really had it with do-it-yourself home improvement projects."

But they're far from unhappy. They have a beautiful house now valued at much more than their total investment. And while they didn't do it all on their own, they feel proud—and justly so—of their personal accomplishments.

For non-believers, and their own family records, the Carlsons kept close tabs on all money paid out during the nearly three years of basic remodeling work on the house.

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Exterior paint, caulking compound, etc.	210.56
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Landscaping essentially done by Bob Carlson; cost of new plants and shrubs purchased . . .	75.00
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Total	$4227.26



After two years of concentrated effort on the spaces needed and used most, the Carlsons slowed down their pace and began to enjoy the fruit of their labors.

They slowed down, that is, but didn't stop. Finish work on the family room continued: scraping, sanding, painting, buying new furniture and rugs. And the kitchen fireplace. That, recalls Bob, was the most satisfying job of all. He extended the hearth by a foot and a half, and on a particularly cold day he laid a new fire—it burned perfectly; they were content. ■

When reading over this list of figures, keep in mind that the remodeling took place several years ago and that all the prices listed would be higher today—and some much higher. There still remains a fair comparison, however, between the banker's estimate of $20,000 for basic restoration and the Carlsons' actual expenditures:

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Cube-craft

—designs with a touch of whimsy

The building blocks of old are taking on a new air with cube art for adults. Whether coffee tables, display pedestals or simply decorative accents in themselves, the Whimsy Cubes created by Gail Epstein (*below*) offer something for everyone.

Her technique encompasses both collage and découpage. Her designs consist of music scores, prints of Old Master paintings, old newspapers, book illustrations or comics.

What started her producing this functional art? She first saw a need for well-designed casual tables and out of this grew her own interpretation. So she began making functional objects that could withstand the wear and tear of time and daily use in various sizes. While she makes custom cubes and standard ones ranging from 12 by 12 by 17-inch tables to 36-inch-high pedestals, she feels the 15-inch-square cube is one of the most useful. "It's a good size for a pedestal base for a glass-top table. You can either use one or two and rest a plate-glass top on them. It makes quite an outstanding table."

Gail's studio on Beverly Boulevard in Los Angeles has to be absolutely clean when she constructs her cubes. "A single fleck of dust can stick out like a lump in the finished product." She first builds the wood base, then adds the design using a collage process, being careful to relate each picture on each side and then all the sides to one another. "I sometimes go through many hours looking for the right prints to go together," she says. "After I've put them together in the most pleasing configuration on the cube, I put on an antiquing solution to give them an aged effect. This solution must dry for at least 24 hours. I then apply a plastic coating. This, too, must dry for 24 hours. Next I hand-sand each side—machine sanding is too harsh for the finish. After the sanding, I put on another coat of plastic." The plastic coatings make the cubes resistant to water or alcohol.



GEORGE R. SZANIK

The works shown here, from left to right are: Lawyer pedestal, made from old cartoons of lawyers (13 by 13 by 36 inches), $181.50; a block made from various Picasso reproductions (18 inches square), $176; a collage of Old Master Prints, (15 by 15 by 30 inches), $190.

While Gail's works can be her own creation, she is flexible and skillful in working up cubes that personally reflect various professions or interests. "Even wallpapers of your selection may be used. Or I can get papers from various sources on special request." Any orders or questions can be sent to: Gail Epstein, Whimsys' Ltd., 8217 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles. □



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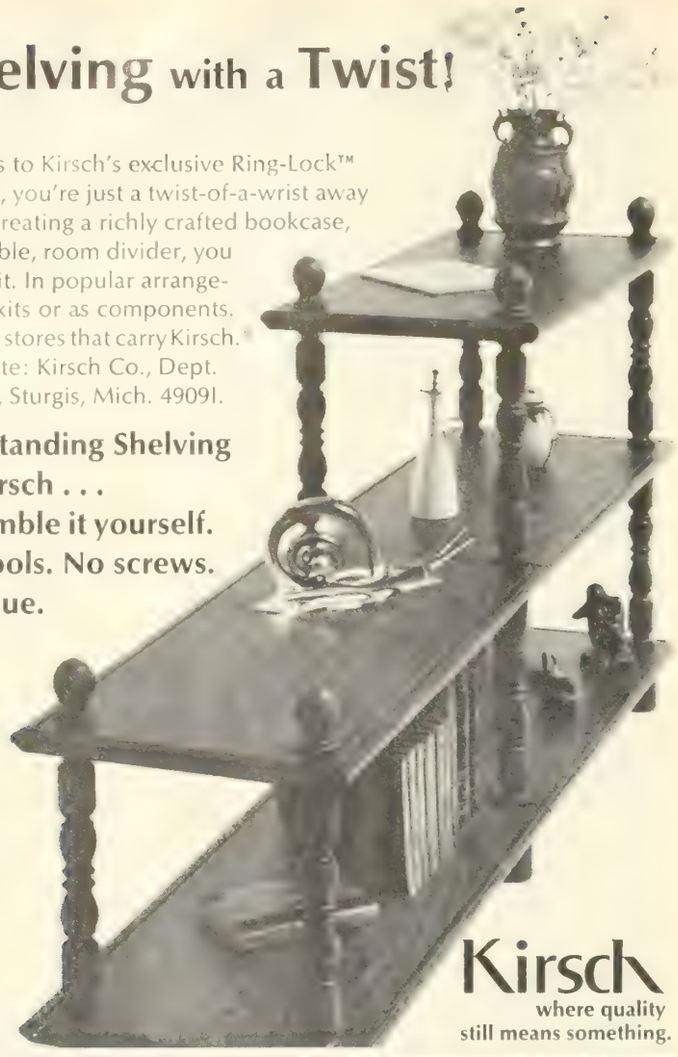
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Weeks of the wok

—or how a beginning gardener grows

By BRUCE DAVID COLEN □ I used to frown on all that Burpee talk that starting a garden was like falling in love. But then we traded in our city window boxes for a country acre and a half and I began to see similarities.

Both take fortitude, faith, a bushel full of luck and both are subject to periods of frustration. First loves are bedded in mistakes; so, too, are the initial moves of the beginning gardener. In both cases, over-optimism and ignorance are to blame. The neophyte should know the facts of plant life or her yearnings will never become flowers.

First, it is a mistake to think that all soil is just waiting for you to drop in a seed or tuck in a bush so that it can start pushing up scallions and roses. The number of illnesses the dirt in your garden may suffer sounds very much like a television commercial: over-acidity, iron deficiency, poor circulation. Or, like the haggard lady on the bumpy mattress, your soil may be simply exhausted from lack of rest, having tried to please all of those gardeners before you. Whatever the complaint, your local nurseryman has the antidote by the bottle, bag or truck load.

As soon as you have given your plants a healthy bed of soil they can stretch out in, a strange blank seems to cloud the minds of new gardeners. They forget that plants, shrubs and trees do not stop growing when you would like them to.

The privet hedge under the picture window will not halt at the bottom of the picture, unless you stand guard with the most devilish instrument of muscular torture since barbells—the hedge clipper. Your children grow fat as well as tall. The lovely forsythia by the entrance walk will eventually become a yellow-and-green curtain, shielding you from your guests. Of course, it may have been planned that way. And, unless you are going in for bonsai, you'll eventually find that clay or redwood tubs are not containers in the long-haul sense.

The pushiness of vines is the greatest source of consternation. Take ivy, for example—before it takes you. Those innocent-looking tendrils, shyly gripping the brick wall, are about to sneak up to the window sill and climb through the screening. Next stop, the rain gutters. And by then the vine has grown to a width that perfectly blocks the drain spout. From there on, the rest is easy. A few more feet and the green train zig-zags under the shingles, giving the rain a place to go, now that the gutters are clogged. I remember very clearly the night, not long ago, when a bunch of Algerian ivy came down the chimney to join us for cocktails. One can always tell a gardener who is new to the game by the number of hours he spends in transplanting.

But it is in the vegetable garden that you first learn of nature's astonishing bounty. That area, bounded by the size of your hopes and your stomach, is the real testing ground.

It is here that one learns to respect the instructions on the seed packet. When the small print says to sow salad at regular intervals, it is not to make work for you another day or to spoil the pleasure of filling up all those neatly cultivated rows. Rather, the nurseryman's voice of experience is trying to keep you from having to turn vegetarian each summer.

Naturally, the seed companies are not completely altruistic. They make the illustrations on the front of their packages so appetizing that it is impossible to resist taking one of everything. For our first kitchen garden, I bought from anise to zucchini. We did so much munching of greens that year that I found myself the victim of a recurrent nightmare in which my ears flapped. My wife was no comfort. She fought with a nose-twitching dream.

That same year, we planted snow peas. In that case, though, it was not the size of the harvest that drove me to distraction, but the nature of the vegetable. The hundreds of times I had enjoyed the tender young pods in Chinese restaurants, it had never occurred to me that they grew any larger. They do. And if not picked and eaten at precisely the right moment, they soon look and taste like Chinese peas, *American-style.* We found that our crop came to perfection during one two-week period. Those were remembered as the weeks of the wok.

If there is a moral to this, I imagine that it might be: The just-starting-home-gardener cannot count on the government to pay him for destroying his excess harvest or to help in transplanting things that happen to grow grander than the planter's eye. So, when you are down on your knees, trowel in hand, dream of the impossible —but do think of the future. ■

Mirrors

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Cut smaller triangles in a third color. Apply the smaller triangles over the larger ones, leaving an equal border showing. When completely dry, spray thoroughly with clear plastic to insure permanence.

Fabric-covered frame

Materials: A rectangular or a square picture frame with a wide, smooth border; fabric —we used a green-and-white cotton stripe from Brunschwig & Fils; enough light-colored felt to pad the frame with two layers; braid or elastic trim; white glue; ruler; scissors; masking tape; straight pins; pre-cut mirror; brads; hammer. *Time and Cost:* You can make this fabric-covered frame in three to four hours depending on your skill. Cost will vary with fabric, but ours was under $8, exclusive of frame. Similar fabriced frames sell for $25-50. *Directions:* First cut four felt rectangles, long enough and wide enough to wrap around the front, side edge and back of *each* side of the frame. Fold the felt around each side, with the raw edges on the inside of the frame, where the mirror will be placed. Tape the felt to the frame as you fit, cutting each piece on a diagonal at the mitered corners. Snip off excess. Remove the tape and then glue the felt to the frame. Do the front of the frame first, then work to the back. Repeat, using a second layer of felt.

Using the same technique, cover the frame with your fabric. If the fabric is thin, turn the mitered corners under rather than gluing it on a raw edge. Again, work from the front to the back. This time, glue the fabric at the mitered edge, the inside edge of the front and at the back of the frame. Let dry.

First pin, then glue elastic or braid over the mitered corners. Install a pre-cut mirror by hammering brads into the frame at the back to hold it in place.

Shell mirror (designed by Mario Rivoli)

Materials: Two styrofoam boards approximately 14 inches by 18 inches by ¼ inch deep; white glue; clear cement; inch-wide plastic tape; a round or oval mirror—one from the dime store will do; paints or indelible ink markers; glitter; shells; millinery pins; picture wire.

The shells we used are: various sizes of small shells, baby abalone, scallop, sea horses, star fish, mud shells. Stores offering such shells are: Sea Shells Unlimited, 590 Third Ave., New York City 10016; Collector's Cabinet, 1000 Madison Ave., New York City 10021 (especially for large and unusual shells); Tropical Creations, 12 West 32nd St., New York City 10001; Sea Treasures, 350 Ninth St., South Naples, Fla. 33940.

Time and Cost: It will probably take you about five hours to make the shell frame. Materials cost us $25, of which $16 was for the shells. A similar frame sold retail would cost $50-60. *Directions:* Stack and glue the two styrofoam boards together to get one board that will measure 14 inches by 18 inches by ½ inch deep. To make an unequal-sided octagon from the rectangle, measure two inches off the tops and sides of the 18-inch length and cut diagonally. Measure three inches off the bottoms and sides and cut. To finish the ½-inch width like a frame, cover with one-inch plastic tape. Press the tape down flush with the *back* outer edge of the ½-inch depth and extend the other half-inch of the tape over the top edge and press it onto the front of the styrofoam board. On each side of the back, attach the wire with plastic tape and millinery pins.

To compose the design, position the shells from top to bottom *without* gluing them in place. Once the shells are glued and set, they cannot be removed without damage. Here, our designer used one large snail shell at the top center with baby abalones and sea horses glued to it. These were positioned over a star fish, with snail and scallop shells. A large scallop was placed at the middle of each side and the bottom. Next, a snail border was placed around the mirror with a triple border of black and white snail shells at the top sides of the mirror, large snail shells below it and white ones around the bottom scallop. Glue such shells in place individually.

Now you should fill in the ground. Cover the frame up to the tape border with glue and sprinkle tiny snail shells at random to form a solid bed of shells. While the glue is still wet, sprinkle glitter over the ground for a sparkling effect. Lastly, place the mud shells around the border of the frame. Glue them individually to the plastic tape. Use a small white snail shell between each mud shell to fill in the gaps. To be sure the mud shells are secure, pour clear cement over them.

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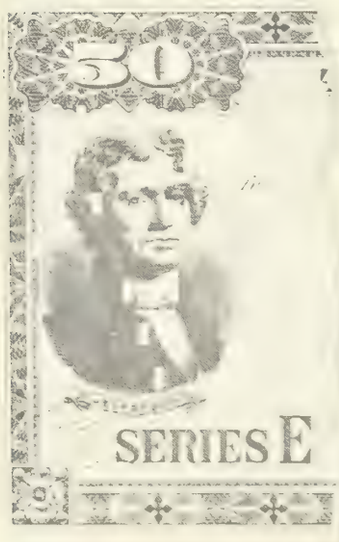
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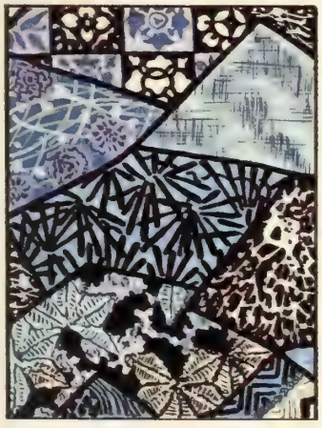
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From the air, beaches of St. Croix and its offshore cays seem to melt like gold into a blue rainbow of sea water. In the foreground, Danish-flavored Christiansted. Farther off, Buck Island, an underwater National Park where you can descend to meet tropical fish and coral face to face, or view the marine forest from a glass boat. At Green Cay, Fairleigh Dickinson researchers find the waters in perfect ecological balance.

ROMANCE REVISITED

A look at the U. S. Virgin Islands two years later as they emerge from a time of trauma

By MARION GOUGH □ They float, as they must have since Columbus first saw them, in the kind of changing blue waters that gave the aquamarine its name. They are scalloped with coves and sandy strands and shaded with palm and sea grape. Inland, there are forests of rich mahogany, tamarind and mango and melancholy ruins of plantation houses and sugar mills. There are relics of pirates whose prey was the Spanish galleons that sailed these same sunny Caribbean waters where cruise ships now ply and sailboats scud and the amphibian "Flying Geese" of Antilles Air Boats scoot between the islands. On little St. John, caves are marked with mysterious petroglyphs—pre-Columbian, Carib, African? On hilly St. Thomas, every view of sky and water is a breathtaker (it can come framed in tropical tangles of bougainvillea, hibiscus, poinsettia and even orchids, for the orchid is this island's pride, but always crowned in spectacular cloud pattern). On St. Croix, where the Danish flavor still clings most strongly (we bought the islands from Denmark in 1917 for $25 million), you may stay in the four-postered elegance and charm of a plantation house (Sprat Hall, near Frederiksted) or visit the restored Whim Great House museum, near Christiansted, to taste life on a working plantation when sugar, not tourism, was king. (Continued)





FRITZ HENLE

The V.I. swings to the resonant beat of the steel band. Indigenous plantation music is the "scratchy band," fast disappearing, but a swinging group in St. Croix's old folks' home goes out on engagements. The beach above is at Caneel Bay Plantation on St. John, with St. Thomas in the distance. At Cinnamon Bay, St. John, you can have a camp-out vacation, in tent or cabin.

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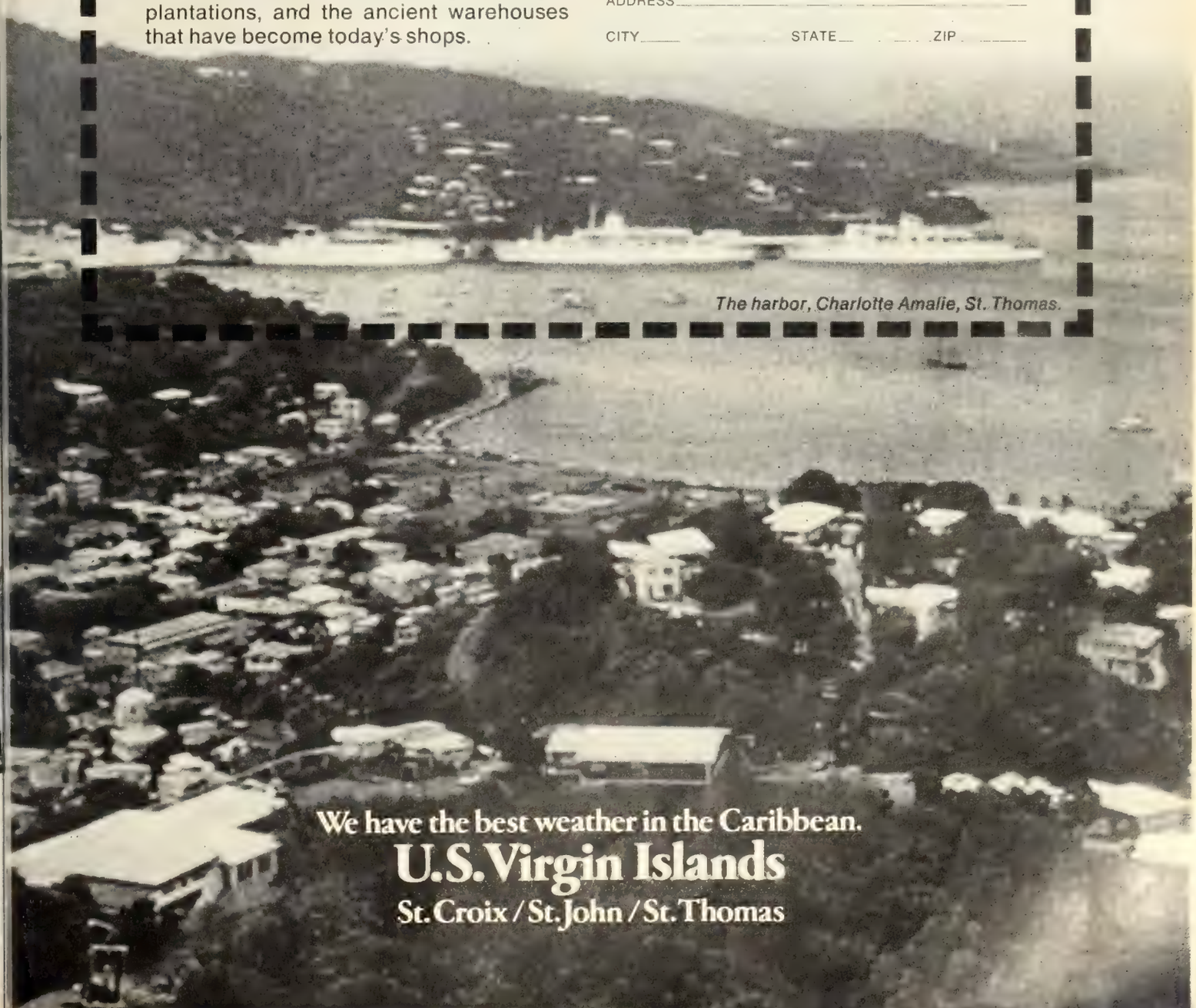
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When I reported on these islands in April, 1972, I called the article "Romance, U.S.A." and so far as I'm concerned, that two-year-old story could almost be reprinted here. Almost, because I would have to delete the names of hotels, shops and services that no longer exist in the aftermath of a hideous murder of eight people, four of them tourists, at St. Croix's Fountain Valley Golf Course in September of 1972. Immediately after this headlined horror and its implications that racial hostility was rampant in the Virgin Islands, these islands, whose economy depends almost entirely on the tourism, found themselves boycotted by tourists. St. Croix was naturally the most badly hit. To make matters worse, so Virgin Islanders say, the stateside press continues to make exaggerated headlines of every subsequent crime whether it's death in a barroom brawl or a jealous lover's revenge.

I am told that the murder of a couple was reported on page one of a mainland paper but when it was discovered that their berserk son had done it, that news was buried unobtrusively on page 47.

Nonetheless, the tide is turning and tourists are coming back—certainly evident in throngs of cruise passengers picking up their free-port bargains in liquor, cigarettes, perfume and Swiss watches in the Main Street shops in Charlotte Amalie (it's still a bonanza in luxury goods).

In June, Bill Hayden, partner in the Grapetree Bay Beach Hotels in St. Croix, had already booked five fall conferences for his hotels. American Airlines has stepped up its direct 707 service to St. Croix from New York and Bos[illegible]

On the basis of a recent 10-day visit, I would be presumptuous to make any definitive judgment except to say that the islands were as come-hither as ever and I was certainly not conscious of any hostility. Better for me to quote some of the people I interviewed, black and white, native-born and residents who've settled here plus some randomly met tourists.

"We call ourselves 'American Paradise' (this is on V.I. license plates) so it's not surprising people expect the place to be full of angels—which it is not. We have our share of nuts and beach-combing types who drift here thinking they can live off coconuts—which they can't.

"Most of our food and the things we need to live with are expensive because they have to be imported. Sure, we have restless young people and a drug problem and unemployment, but tell me what place doesn't have these problems today. At least we're trying to do something about them. That terrible thing might be good for us in the long run—it made us see what our problems are." This from a long-time resident who prefers to remain anonymous.



Pensive princess of the St. Croix carnival—a continual festivity that occupies all of December and January, with steel bands, bugaloo stilt dancers and floats.

Bob Davis, former frequent visitor and now seven-year resident, president of Davis Hehne Inc., St. Thomas: "I wish we'd settled here sooner. I wake up to a view of the sea and come home to a sunset. It's a good place to work, too. People are direct and available—you can get through to the head man without having to be screened by a bunch of assistants. I've always found relationships to be human-to-human, never color-to-color. The tempo is easy."

Mrs. Davis says, "Most of the time I love it—and when I don't love it, it's when we have a shortage of water or Kleenex or of toilet paper. I've taught school here and know all kinds of children and all kinds of parents. I think we do have a lot of good people here."

Mrs. Davis is not alone among Virgin Islanders in characterizing her doctor, Alfred Heath, as a notably excellent physician who inspires confidence not only in his medical skills but in the future of the V.I., owing to his administrative ability as commissioner of health and hospitals. Actively committed to community affairs, he gives his reason for this, jokingly lapsing into the vernacular, "I born here, mon." Native-born Gov. Melvin Evans is also a respected St. Croix physician.

Mrs. Penny Aylor, former secretary of the V.I. Gifts and Fashion Shops Association and a St. Thomian of several years, has had to return to the mainland. Before leaving St. Thomas she told me, "If it weren't for family and financial reasons, you couldn't drag me away. There should not be any crime on a lovely island, but things are nothing as bad as they've been reported in the stateside press. I live on a mountain and go around the town freely. I don't feel afraid here. Fountain Valley was quite a horror but it should have been no surprise—it was the top blowing off.

"We had reached the peak of our troubles—Vietnam veterans had returned, the tourist boom had ended and there were no jobs for them. We're just now beginning to face problems that should have been faced 10 years ago. Our affluence had always depended upon the outside world; we'd become an almost parasite society. We must work harder now to be the best tourist area in the Caribbean. One of our problems has been that the mass of the people doesn't recognize tourism as an important and dignified industry. Knowing and studying the Virgin Islands has been my single preoccupation. I love them and know them. I can't stress too strongly that we have problems to be worked out that won't disappear overnight, but the islands are still a wonderful place and they don't deserve this 'Paradise Lost' hysteria. Too many people come looking for the problems instead of the over-balancing things—and that really isn't fair."

"Our islands have always been synonymous with glamour —the most glamorous in the Caribbean," says Mrs. Cadby Birch, dealer in ancient artifacts and jewelry and owner of Circe in St. Thomas. "I am infuriated when an unfortunate disaster—an isolated horror story—is headlined by the press the way they'd report the theft of an actress' jewels. This is no Shangri-la—there are no Shangri-las in the world—but it is a beautiful place to be."

Mrs. Jean Hendrix, director of the Caribbean Travel Agency and Tropic Tours, St. Thomas came here as a widow in 1959. "Far from race being a problem, the relationships here are very good. That's one of the reasons I came—to have my children raised with the sense of racial mix I grew up with in Japan. We had no draft dodgers here—in fact, as a territory, the Virgin Islands requested to be allowed to fight for the U.S.A. and we ended up losing more men per capita than the rest of the country. That's one piece of information that has never made page one.

"People here feel their duty as citizens. Even now they're working on a people-to-people program. We've had some trial runs with St. Thomians inviting five couples from each hotel into their homes—and the taxi drivers gave a party. We had 70,000 visitors last year and no cab complaints. This isn't insular or parochial, as so many Caribbean islands are—it's interesting, cosmopolitan—and I think it's a helluva lot better today than any other place in the whole wide world."

Frenchman's Reef is an almost brand-new cliffside resort hotel where the waters of sea and bay meet in St. Thomas. Managing Director Robert Metzdorf, who as a hotelier has lived all over the map, said, "I'm very high on this place. From my observation, I think the Virgins are the best integrated of any Caribbean islands. People seem to relate to each other more here—besides having advantages like clean air, a great climate, a good atmosphere. Funny—arthritis doesn't seem to flourish down here."

Louise Hassell works at the Sheltered Workshop, a government-sponsored shop purveying basketwork, stuffed toys and patchwork, all handmade by the handicapped. After two years in Santa Fe getting her master's in social work and psychology, she says, "I love, just love, being home again."

It's clear that a lot of soul-searching has gone on and efforts are being made to correct problems that stem from a 60% tourist-oriented economy. I was not able to speak with Mario Moorhead, leader of the United Peoples Party. He is characterized as a firebrand by some who decry his influence on the disaffected young, and described by others as an incredible idealist but one whose opinions deserve very serious

and thoughtful consideration.

He is quoted in *Travel Management Daily* of June 14 as saying that he is "100% for travel to these islands," that there is "absolutely no conspiracy" against visitors or against whites. His over-all quarrel is with government policies that have not expanded industry to provide better economic opportunities for Virgin Islanders who feel that service jobs in hotels are demeaning.

Hotelier Bill Hayden, who knows something about social tensions, having once served on the President's Commission on Civil Disorder, says, "I can see a bright future for St. Croix because this land can support several different industries and tourism is obviously one of them. As a result of calamity, people are looking at the real problems and pulling together more than they ever have before. We have to tell people: Come down and see for yourself. And we're doing that." (A community effort, *Project St. Croix,* made up of private citizens and travel interests, has already invited hundreds of travel agents and writers to visit, travel about and sightsee independently, and come to their own conclusions.)

Perhaps the most impassioned remarks I heard were those of Rudy Ellis, a St. Croix accountant and director of a computer service: "95% of our population is black. Considering the U.S. image in the world with relation to people of color —and two-thirds of the world is non-white—the U.S. should be playing up this place as a prototype of good race relations. The U.S. should be showing off the Virgin Islands. If stateside newspapers would come down, look and report on the good we have accomplished, they could teach the rest of the world what democracy means."

Speaking of a color problem, as I asked returning vacationists their reaction at the airport, I approached one beet-red couple. "We've had a ball," said the woman, "and they're right when they say the worst thing that might happen to you there is a sunburn."

If you do go to the Virgins, you'll find a busy paradise. . . .

St. Thomas is the jazziest of the lot, although none is all that jazzy. It's a green mountain skirted with 45 beaches and the big town of Charlotte Amalie, where the pastel houses spill down the hill like confetti to the harbor where the cruise ships dock.

Mecca for bargain-hunters with imported goodies in mind as gemstones, china, watches, cameras, Bal à Versailles and confections by the likes of Cardin and Courrèges is Main Street and its alley boutiques. The U.S. Virgins are a freeport, and returning Americans have a $200 duty-free allowance. They are also permitted one gallon of duty-free liquor, as opposed to the $100 allowance and one quart of liquor they can bring from foreign lands.

Accommodations, which are legion, can put you in town (Bluebeard's Castle and Hotel 1829), high on a hill (Constant Great House, Harbour View, Indies House, the Japanesque Shibui), cliffside (Frenchman's Reef), or smack on the beach (Pineapple Beach, Limetree, Island Beachcomber, Bolongo Beach, Secret Harbor). Caribbean Harbour Club (formerly Yacht Haven) puts you right on the marina with the salty set. Beaches not to miss: Magens, Sapphire, Morning Star, Cowpet Bay. View not to miss: from high-up Drake's Seat. Food not to miss: a Gallic dinner at L'Escargot; dinner with a light-spangled view of Charlotte Amalie from Bluebeard's or Harbour View; a meal of local Calypso cooking—fungi, kalaloo, goat water (stew)—at Emelda's, Daddy's, The Mill, Lobster Pot, Driftwood Inn. To get around: Taxis are not outrageous—an island tour in a shared car is about $6 a head, arranged by Caribbean Travel Agency, and Tropic Tours has a variety of excursions at varying rates. But for free-as-a-bird exploring, a rented sedan stands you about $17 a day, unlimited mileage. Traffic drives on the left.

On the wondrous, watery side, John Harms can get you organized for deep-sea fishing. And Bill Slosky's Undersea Centres can set you up for sailing, power boats and water tours; snorkeling or scuba diving are possible among tropical fish and offshore shipwrecks.





For gingerbread and lattice carpentry, nothing beats the old houses of Frederiksted, St. Croix. Victoria House (top) is a sample. You, too, might join a yacht race (above). To sail these famous waters, there's everything to hire from a Sunfish to a manned yacht or a sports fisher.

St. John. The quietest, least dolled-up Virgin of the lot, is a little treasure isle of intimate beaches, lonely coves and lush tropical forests overgrowing nostalgic plantation ruins, all guaranteed to stay pretty much this way because a large area is a National Park. Strange, ancient caves, exotic flora and fauna, waterfalls are here, along with a National Park camp site at Cinnamon Bay where you can tent out, close to it all, for 14 days (make sure to reserve well in advance, though).

The tiny big town is Cruz Bay, a microcosm of West Indian culture and easy-going tempo. More posh, but still on the lovely, low-key side is Caneel Bay Plantation, a resort developed around the ruins of an old sugar plantation, its sea-oriented luxury so quietly supplied that you feel you're sharing it privately with the pelicans and the island's mourning doves. It's all just a launch trip away from St. Thomas across the Pillsbury Sound.

St. Croix. This is the Virgin that proves that when you've seen one you haven't seen them all, by any means. It rolls close to the sea—in fact its sugar plantations often met the shore and there are old sugar mills to prove it, even if there are inland ruins covered in tangles of lime trees and bananas.

Christiansted, the capital, has a look of 18th-century Denmark gone tropical, its classic European stone buildings added to with street arcades to shield against the West Indian sun. As a city, it's more intimate than Charlotte Amalie and it's full of great shops to do your freeport shopping in. King's Alley is a bonanza. A certain aura of the old days lingers on and the latest news is that every Saturday at five, local dance troupes in traditional costume perform the native quadrille at the Christiansted bandstand. Hotels also offer island barbecues, playing up traditional foods and rum drinks that are the Cruzans' pride. There is more of that at the Comanche, at Guthrie's, Coat of Arms and Pier One.

For Danish dishes, try Top Hat. Hotels I have personally found appealing: Grapetree Bay, Beach (both on magnificent strands), St. Croix by the Sea, Hotel on the Cay (reopening this fall), Buccaneer, Estate Carlton (golf course at hand).

Beaches are splendid, waters are clear, and the underwater marine life and color so fabulous that it's easy to get hooked on snorkeling. If you sail out on the "Reef Queen" to Buck Island, our only submarine National Park, you'll be an underseas fanatic for the rest of your life. On dry land, drive across the island to Frederiksted, sleepy, West Indian Victoriana, the houses gems of carpenter Gothic brackets and treillage. Take the rocky road to Sandy Point, through wetlands and wild bird territory, and you emerge on a fantastic Robinson Crusoe beach, five wonderfully lonely miles of it. For a piquant local meal and a chance to get inside one of those gingerbread houses—Barbara McConnell's in Frederiksted. Sprat Hall, the island's oldest "great house" turned guesthouse, serves island meals, too, but make sure to reserve in advance.

For tours, see Panorama and Southerland Tours. If you go it alone on hired wheels, a sedan runs about $14 a day plus 14 cents a mile.

To get to the U.S. Virgins: American Airlines flies directly to both St. Thomas and St. Croix from New York and Boston. Eastern Airlines flies from Chicago and Miami. Pan American flies from New York. Cruise ships stopping at St. Thomas are too numerous to list more information: Virgin Islands Government Tourist Office, 16 West 49 St., N.Y.C. 10020. ■

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Lively St. Thomas

Every time you see the deep blue harbor of Charlotte Amalie, the capital of St. Thomas—alive with sail boats, native sloops, cruise ships—you're surprised at its beauty. The entire island is hilly and lush with houses, restaurants and inns on mountainsides, hidden in the hills or sitting alongside the sea and snow-white beaches.

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The newest hotel

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On the other hand, Bluebeard's Castle, with about 200 rooms, is St. Thomas' oldest and most famous hotel. The view of the town and harbor from its terrace 300 feet up the hillside is spectacular. Lunch and a Planter's Punch here are a must. There actually is an old tower built in 1689 in which, legends say, Bluebeard lived.

Pineapple Beach Club is four miles out of Charlotte Amalie set on a 1,000-foot private beach. From the terrace, you can see the island of St. John and the British Virgins. Rooms are especially lovely in the beachfront wing. There are about 200 rooms in all. You'll find two fresh-water pools to swim in, besides the sea. Snorkeling, fishing, sailing are all available, the latter from aboard the yacht *Pineapple*. The big thing is tennis—three courts, two lighted for night play, and a top resident pro, Tom Hauser. The charcoal-broiled dinner on the terrace is popular with the local residents. Check box 3.

Two small hotels

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If you long for the beach, guests at both Shibui and Contant Great House have the use of the tree-shaded beach at Island Beachcomber, a 380-room hotel on Lindbergh Bay. Here, the atmosphere is tropical, informal, relaxed. You can have breakfast and lunch at a thatched-roof beach bar—and several times a week, a native-style dinner is served on the beach. At any of these hotels, all owned by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Resch, it's simple to arrange for deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, golf, tennis or car rental—just remember the driving is on the left. Check box 4 for Virgin Island resorts.

Limetree Beach Hotel, a luxurious hotel, is located at Frenchman's Bay, about 10 minutes out of Charlotte Amalie. Its three-story villas, containing 84 rooms, nestle at the base of the hill on a palm-fringed beach. The pool is large and curvy, right outside your door—and so is the fabulous ocean, perfect for scuba diving, sailing or swimming. Tennis courts are lighted for night play. Local residents come to Limetree to dine on the several dining terraces. Check box 5.

Serene St. Croix

St. Croix is the largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its terrain is rolling and pleasant; old sugar mills and greathouses dot the countryside—a reminder of its plantation heydays. The Danish influence predominates in Christiansted, the main town, and in Fredriksted. A high point of any visit is a trip to Buck Island, the fantastic underwater park, where even a rank amateur with fins and goggles can navigate the underwater trails.

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On St. Croix

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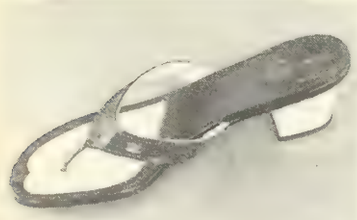
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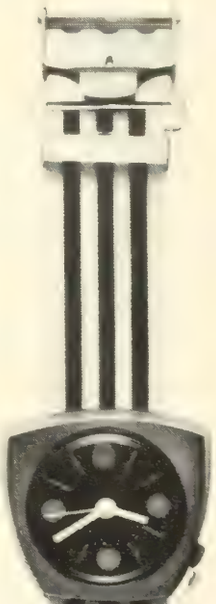
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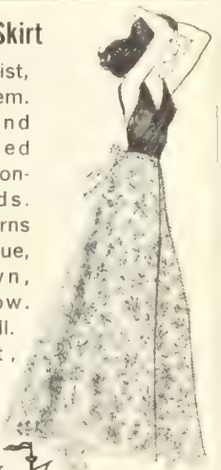
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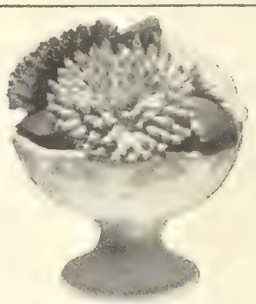
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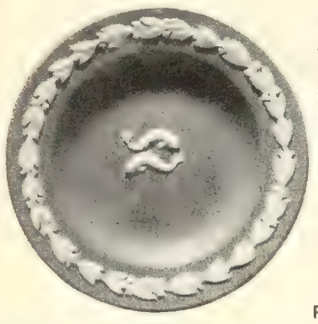
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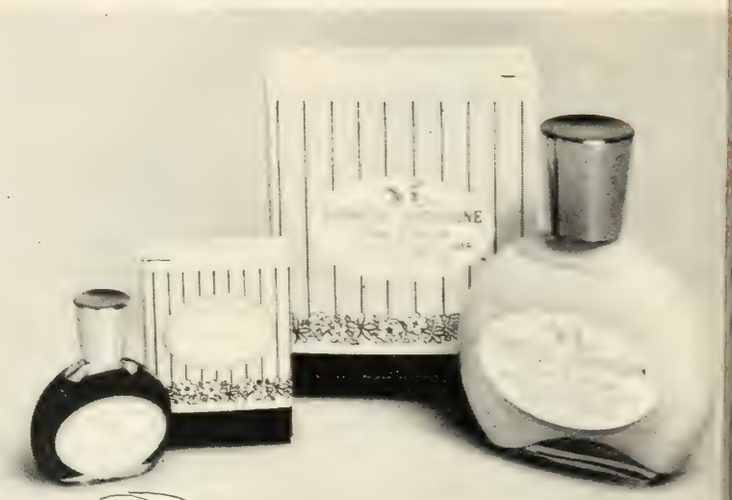
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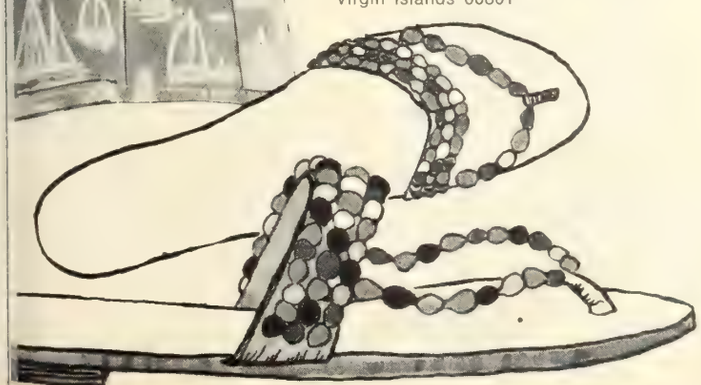
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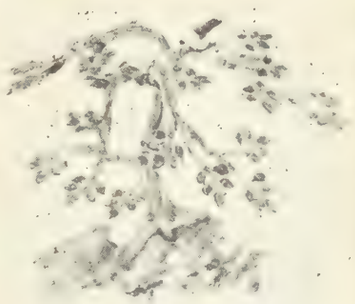
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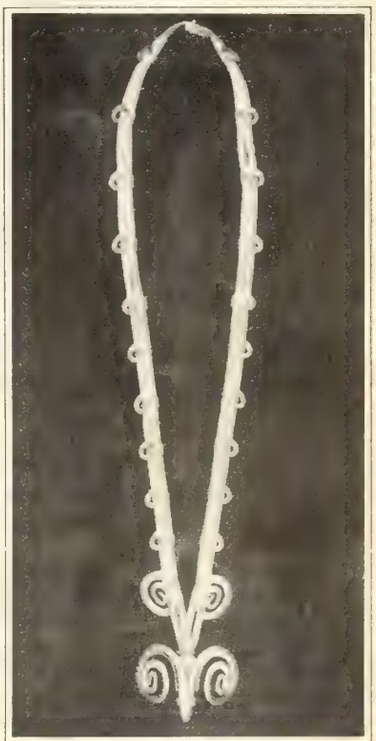
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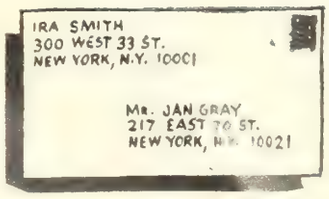






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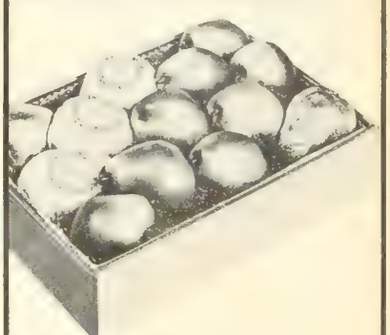
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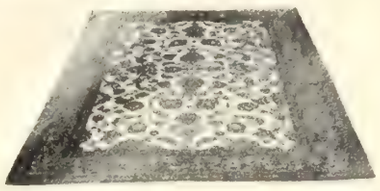
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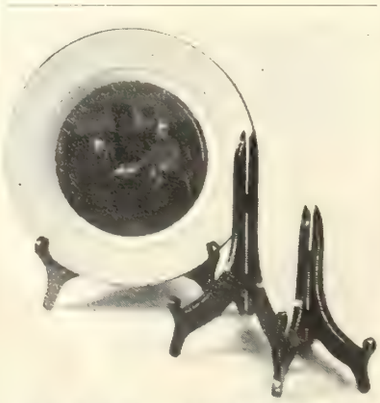


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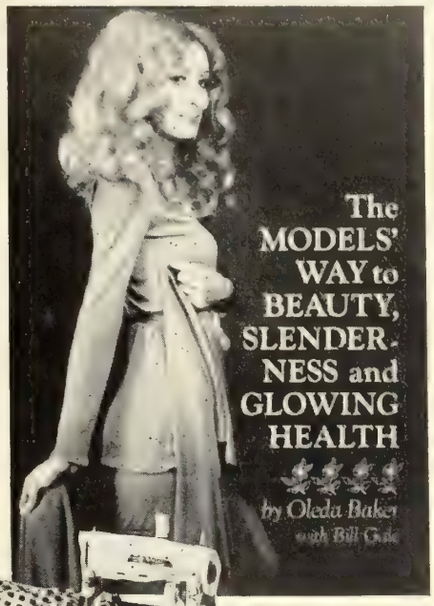
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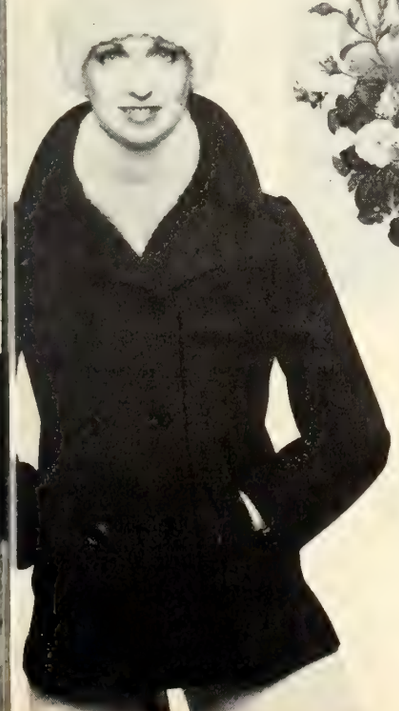
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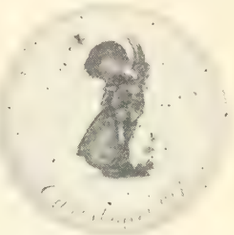
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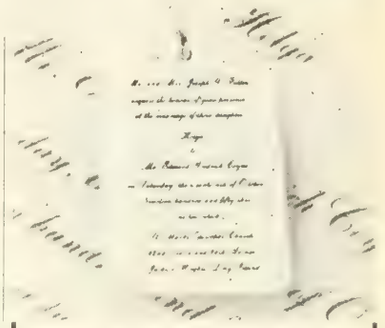
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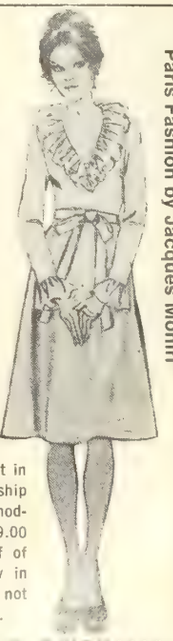
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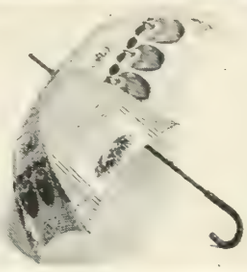
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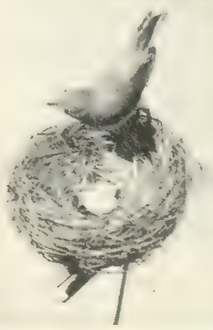
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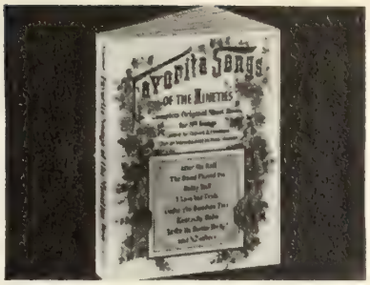
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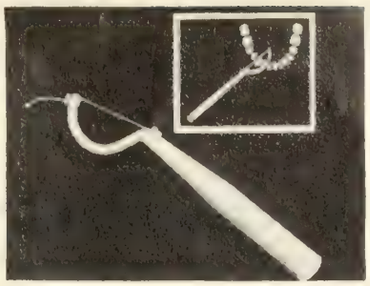
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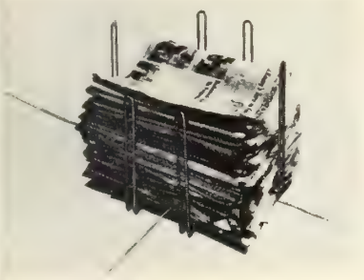
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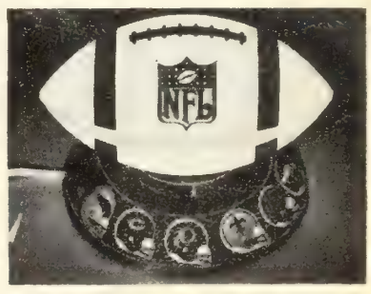
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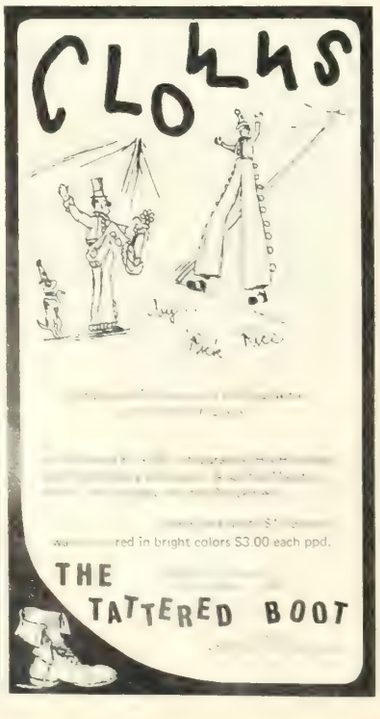


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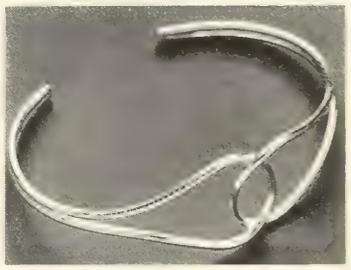
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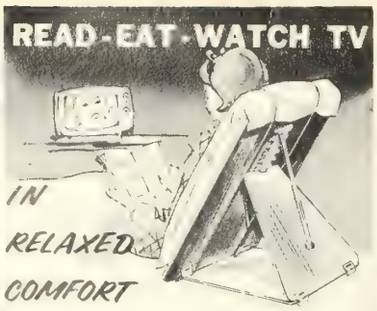
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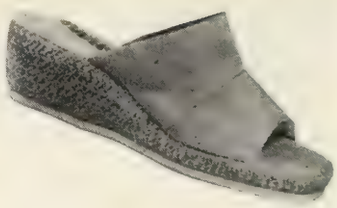


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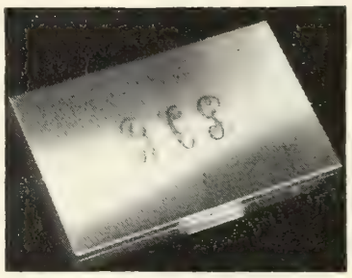
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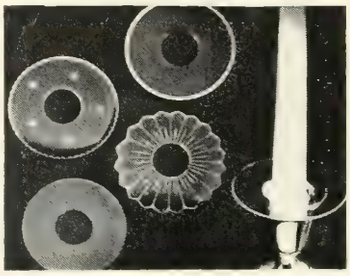
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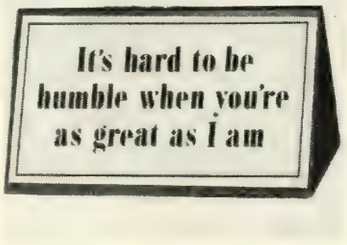
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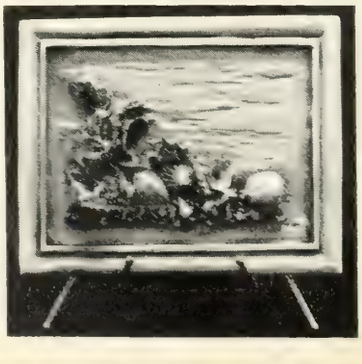
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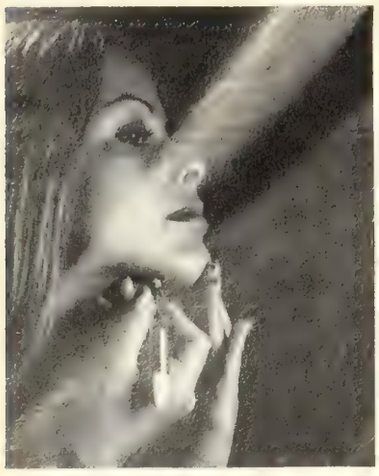
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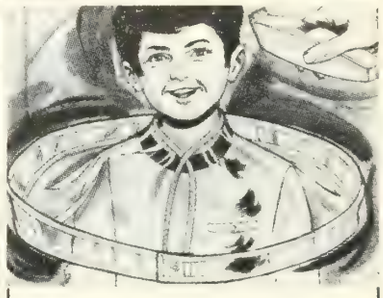


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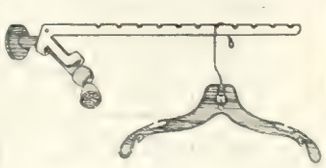
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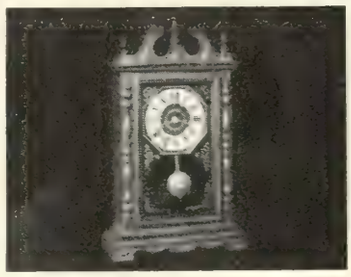
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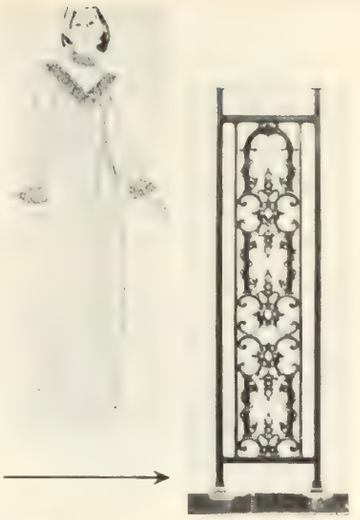


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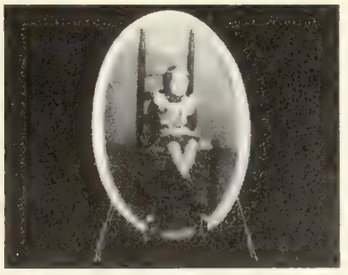
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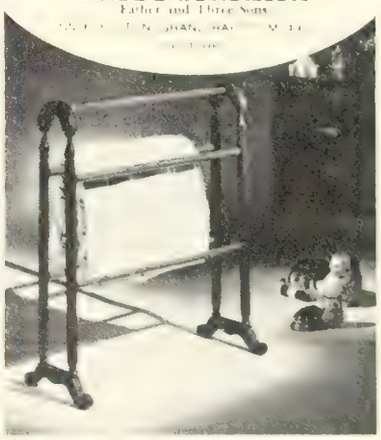
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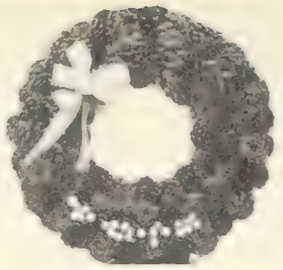
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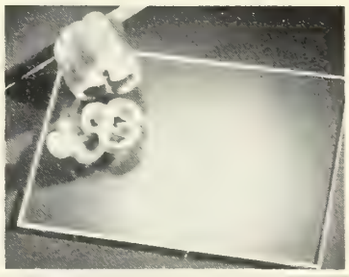
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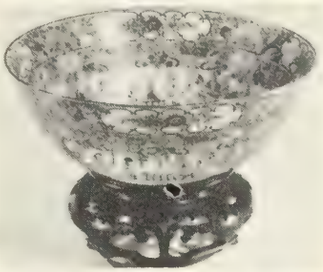


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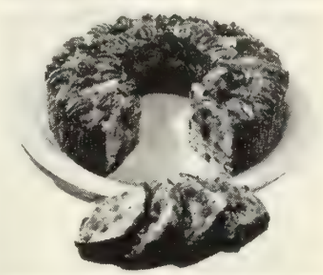
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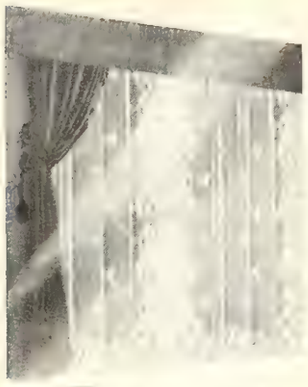
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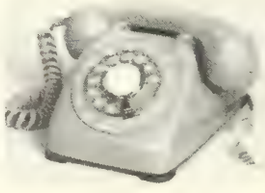
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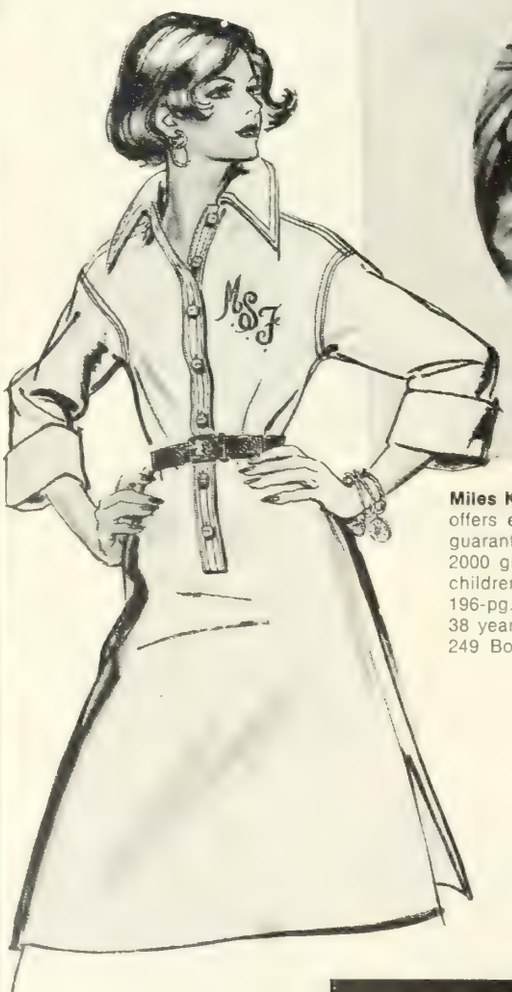
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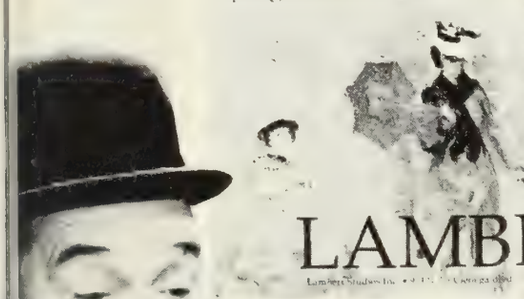
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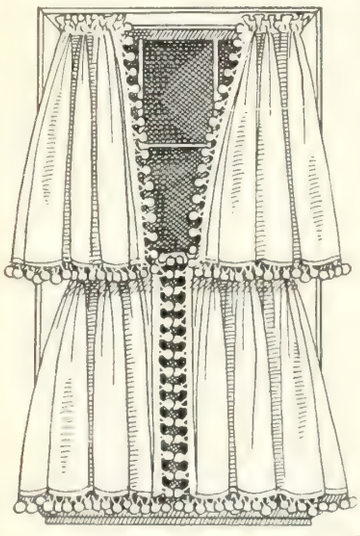
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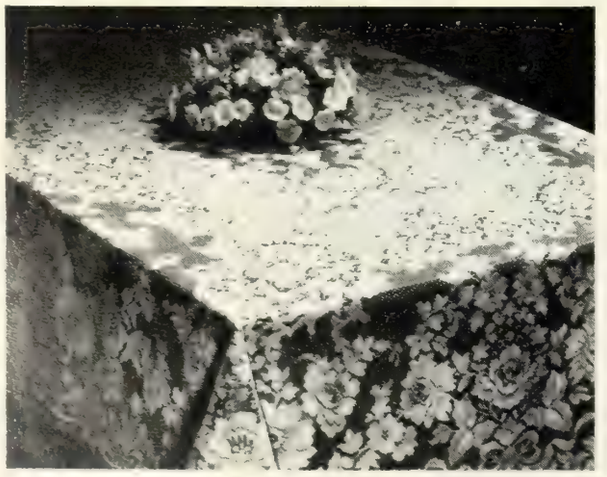


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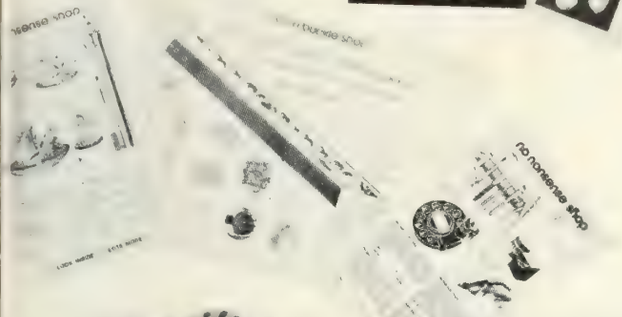


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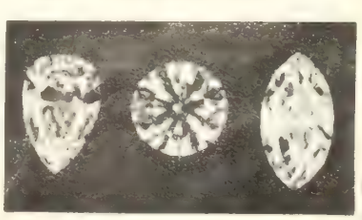
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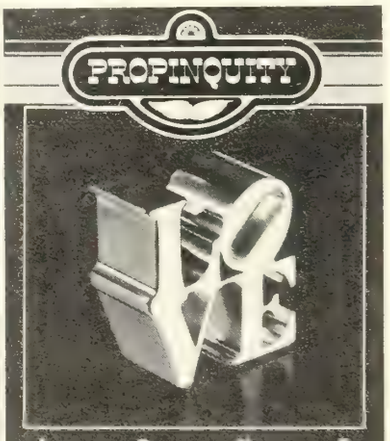


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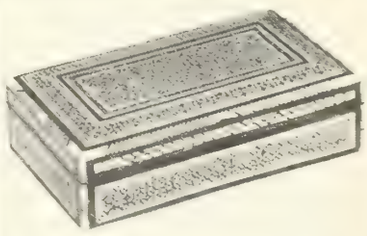
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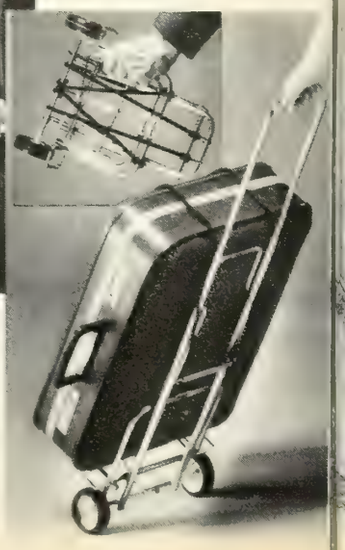
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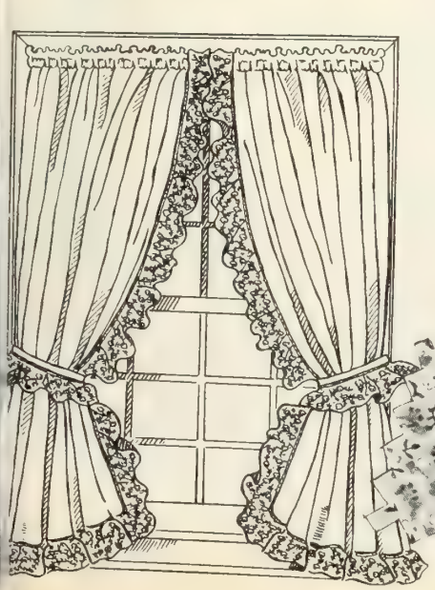


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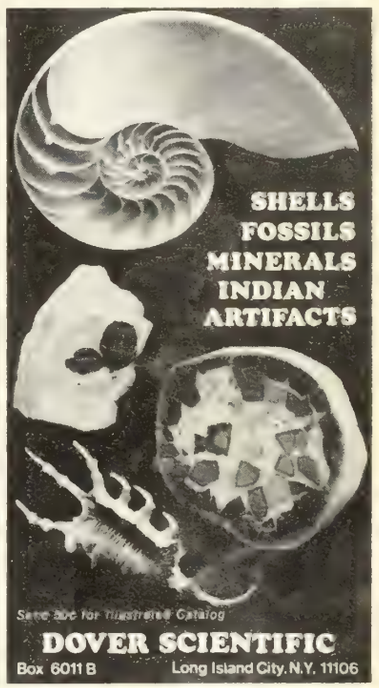


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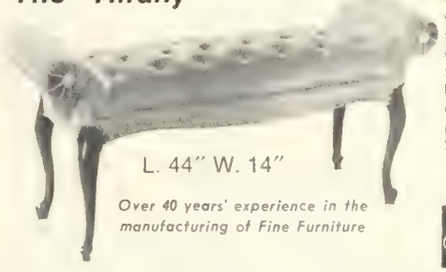
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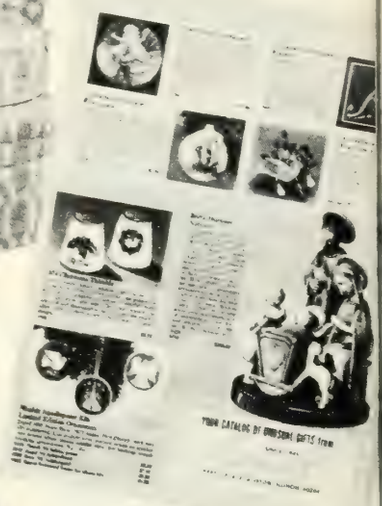
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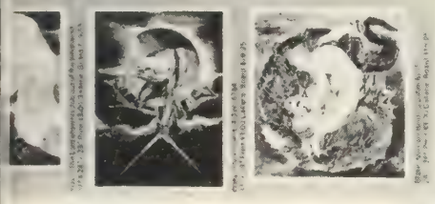
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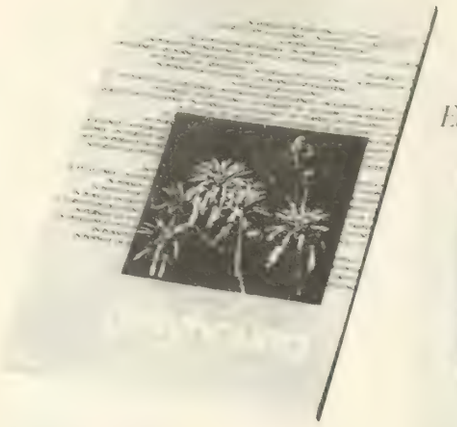
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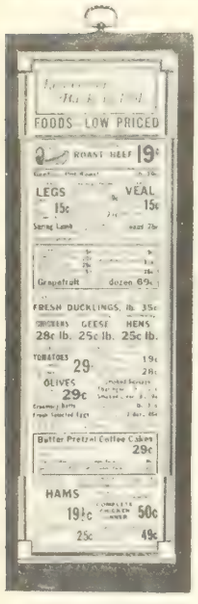
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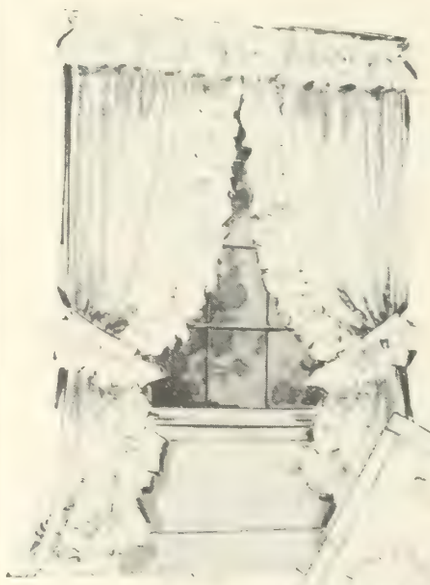
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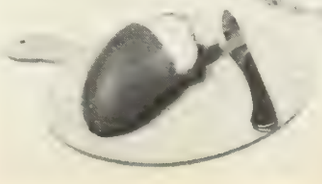


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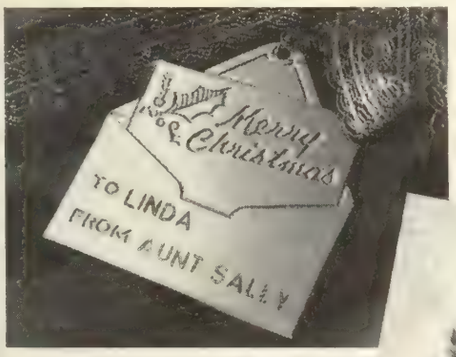




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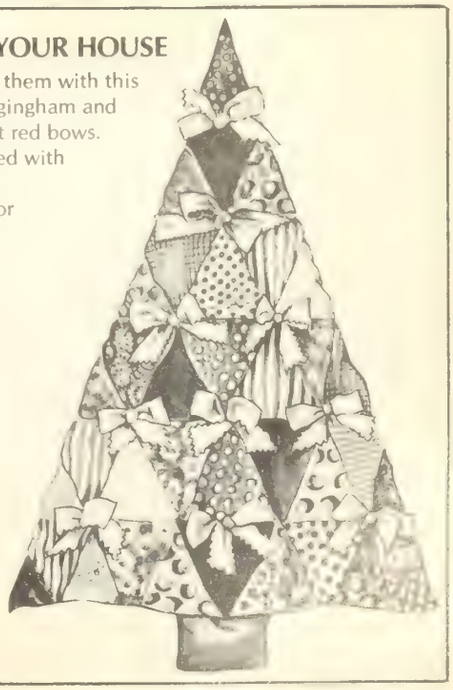
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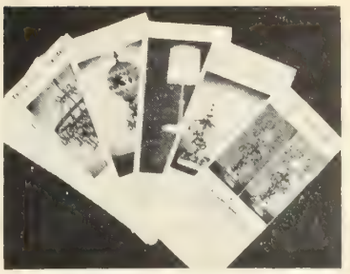
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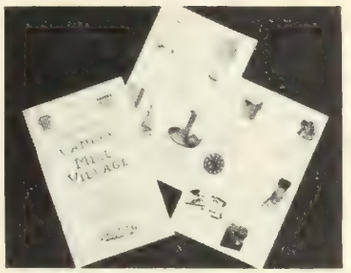
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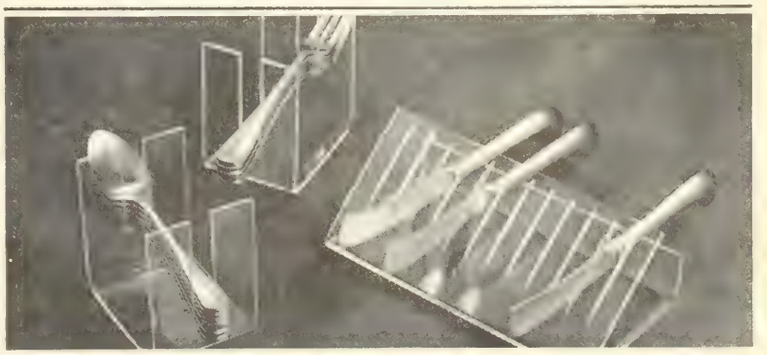


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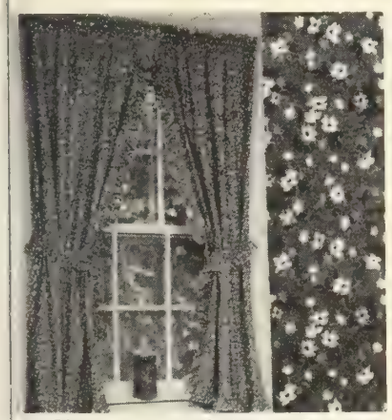
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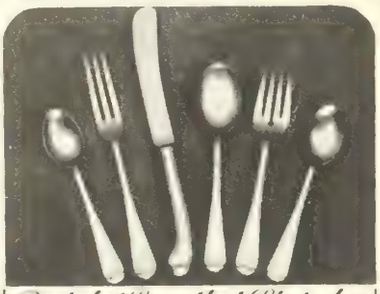
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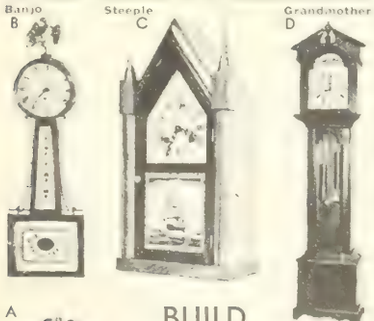
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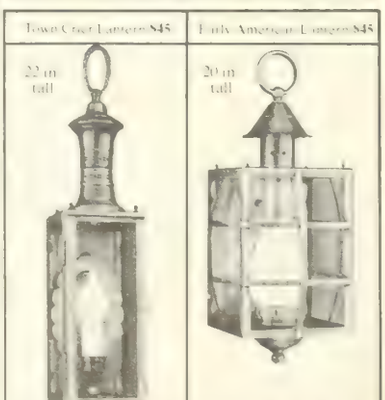
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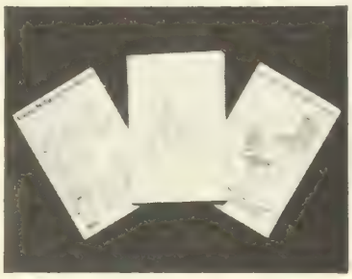
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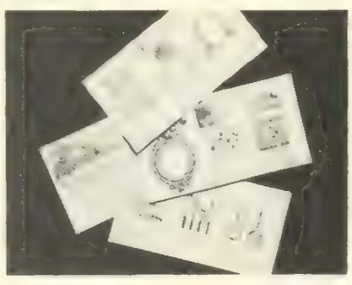
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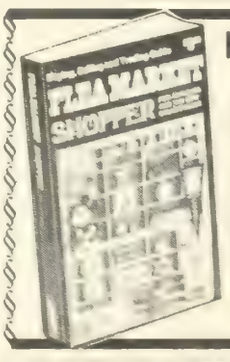
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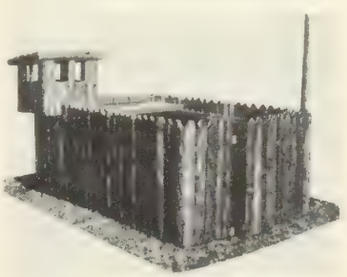
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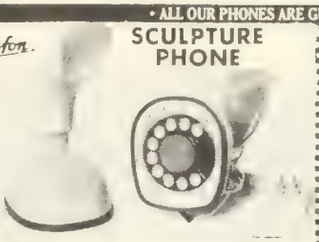
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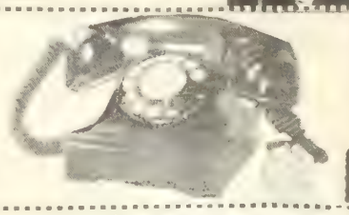


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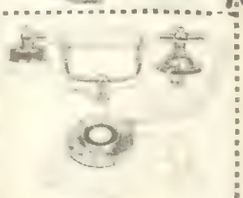


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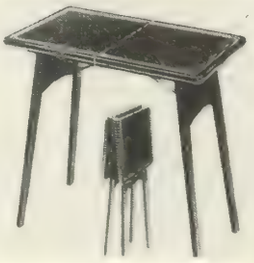
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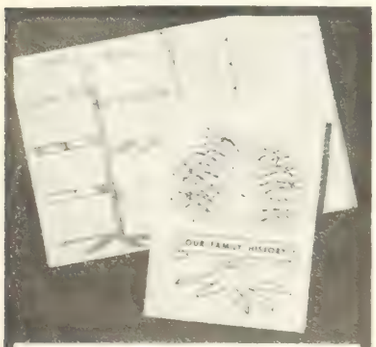
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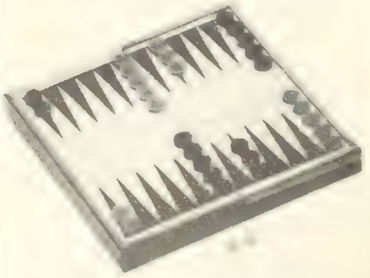
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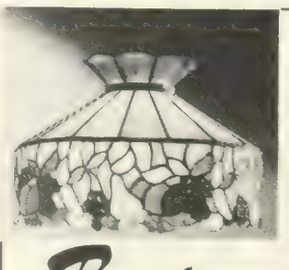
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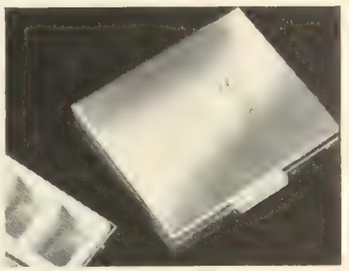


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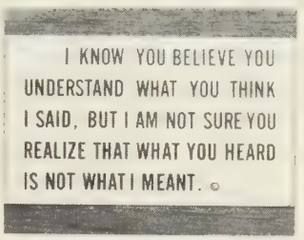
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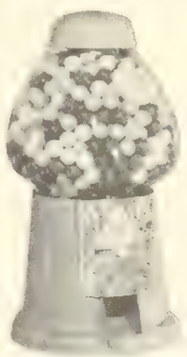


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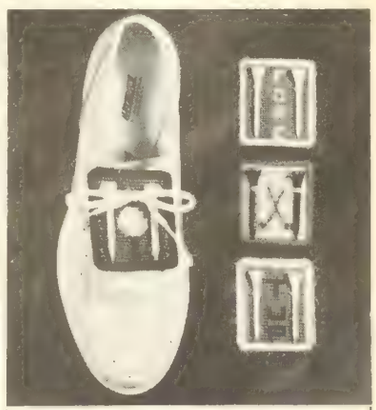
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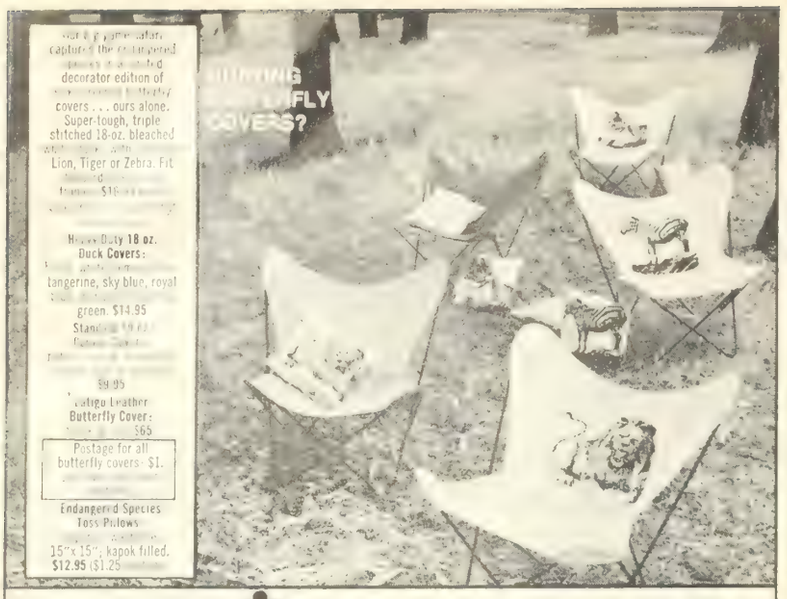
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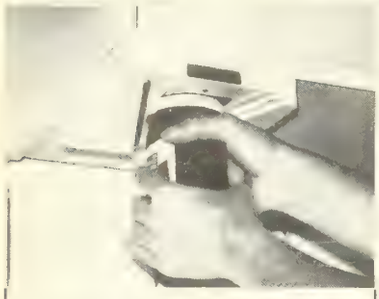


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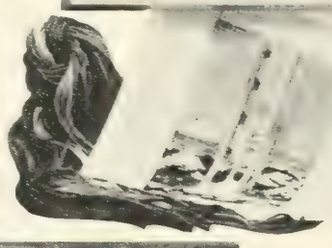
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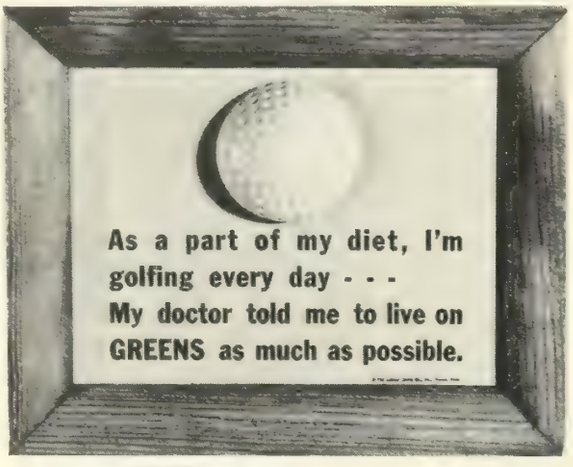
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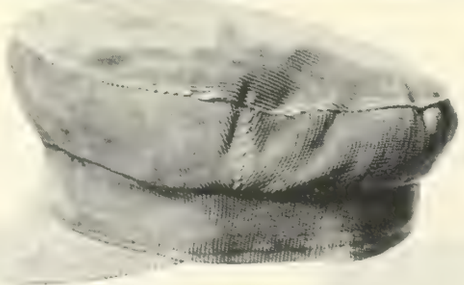


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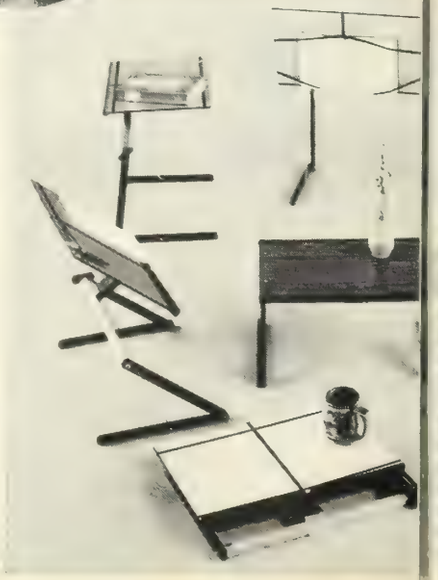


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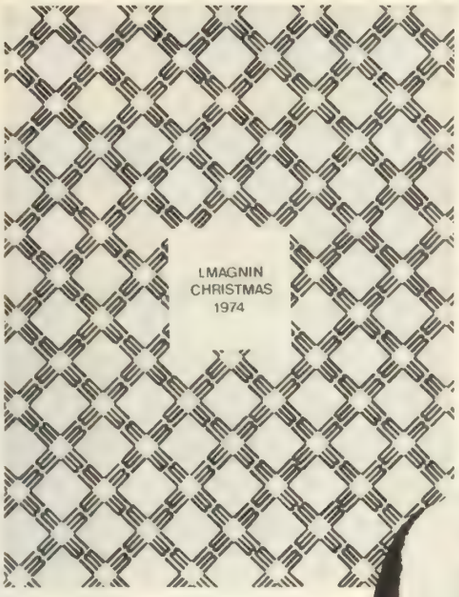


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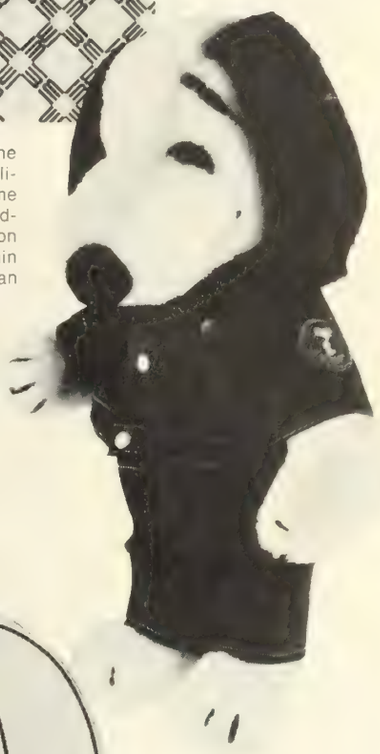


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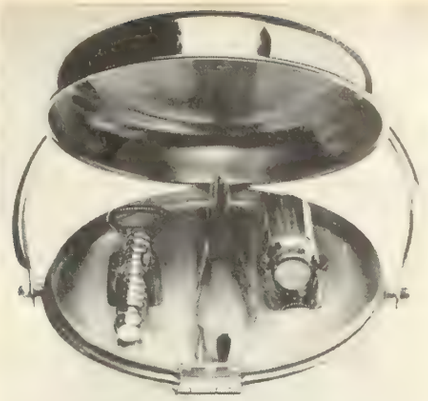
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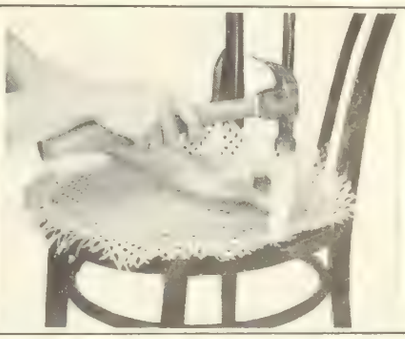
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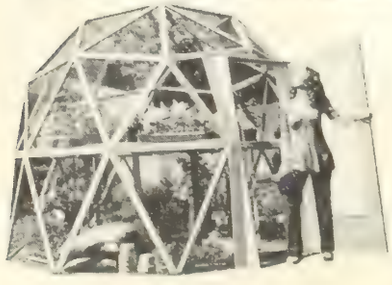
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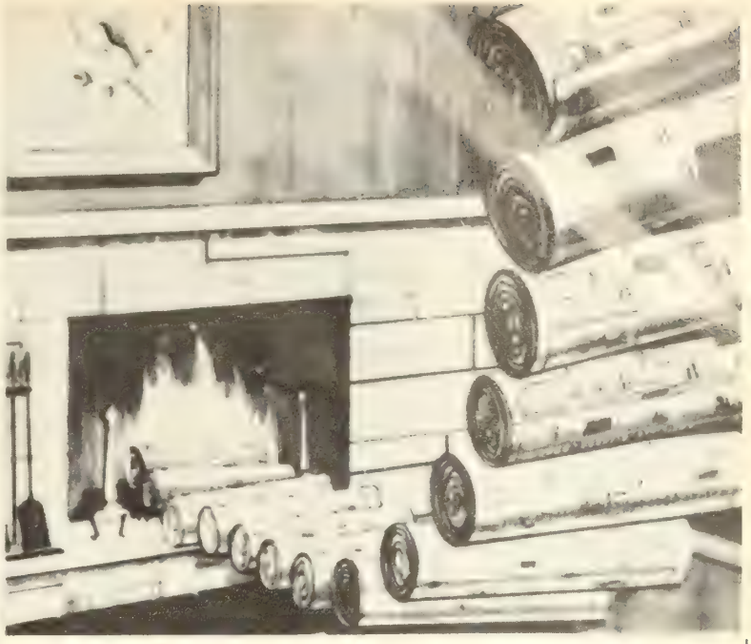


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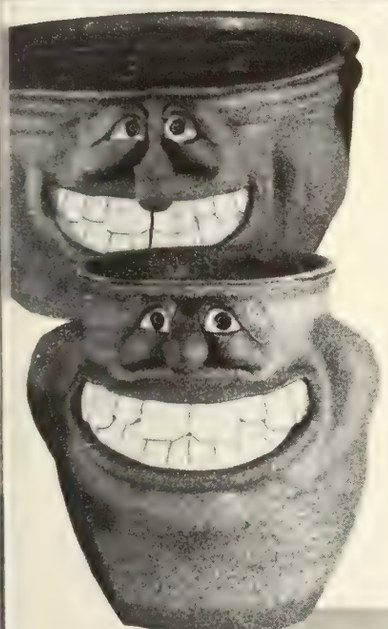
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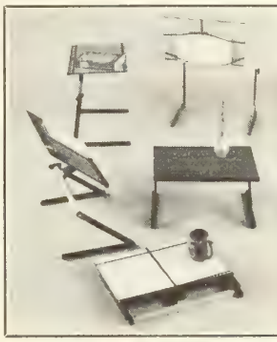
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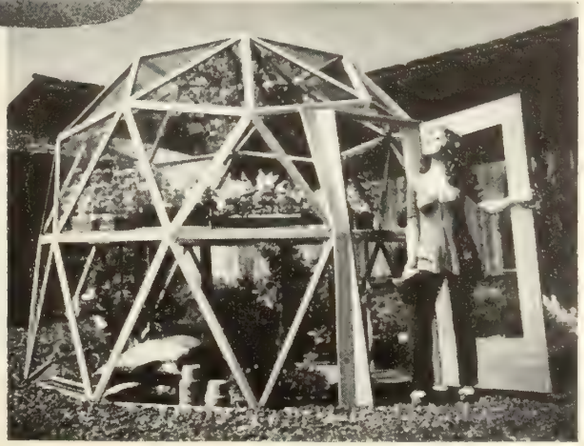
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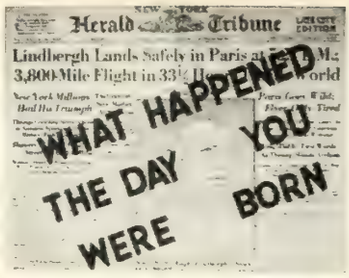
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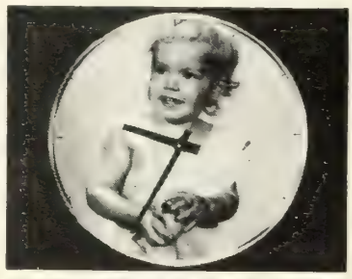
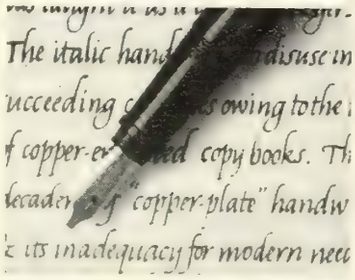
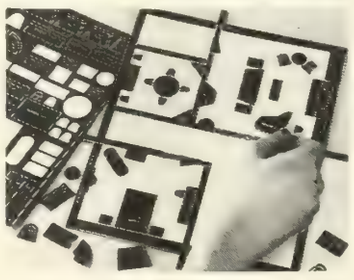


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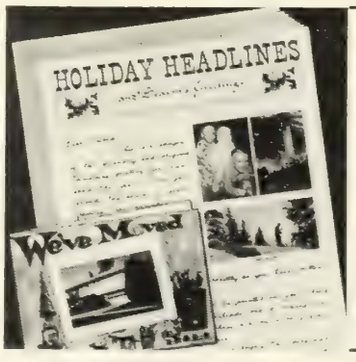
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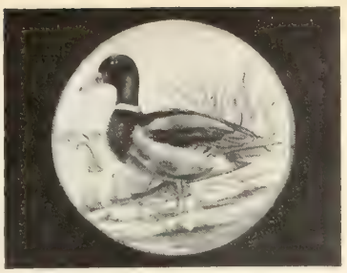
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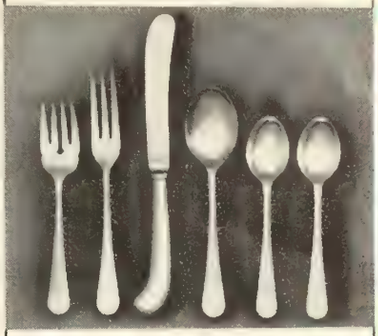


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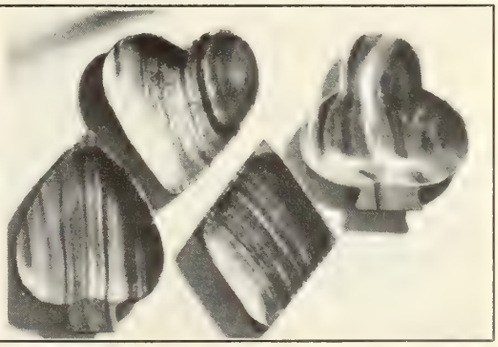
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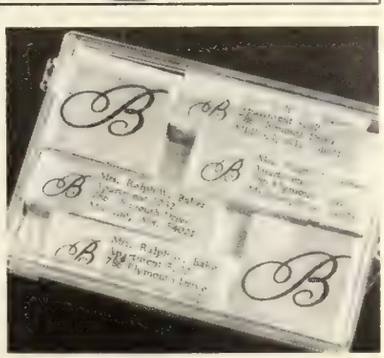
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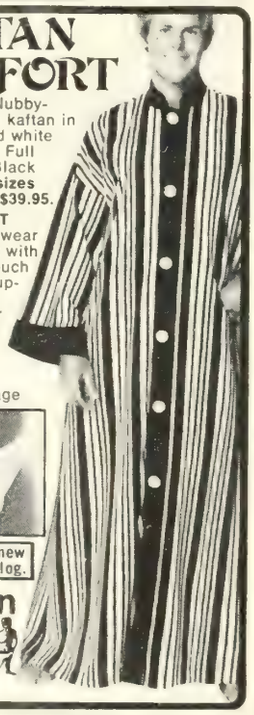
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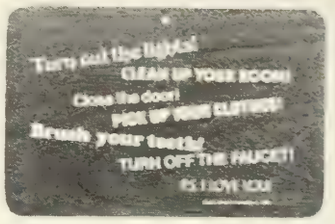
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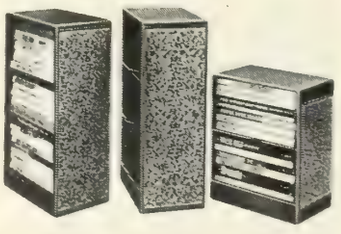
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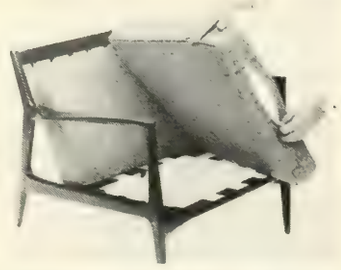
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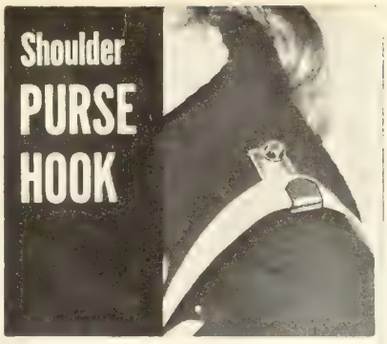
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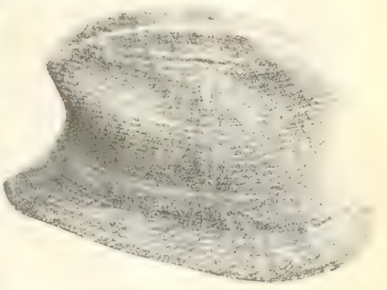
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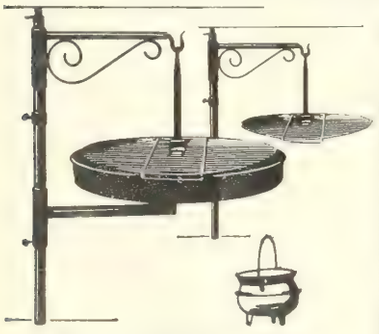
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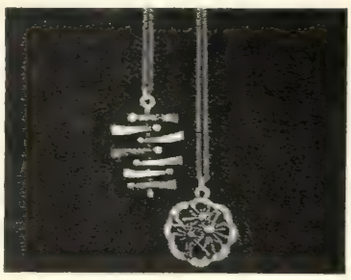
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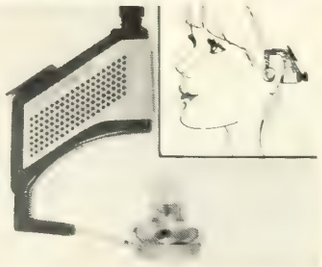
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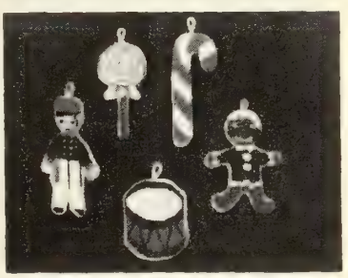
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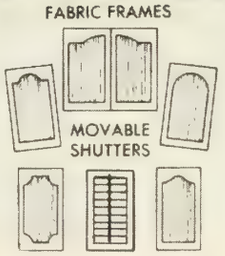




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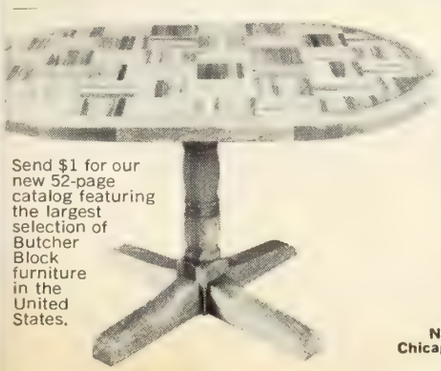
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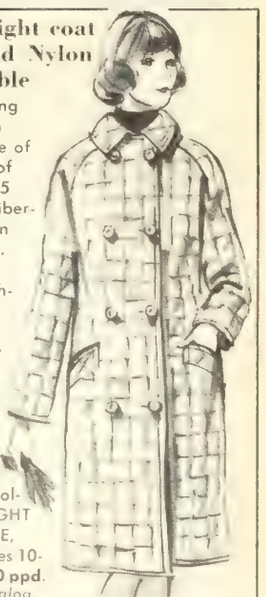
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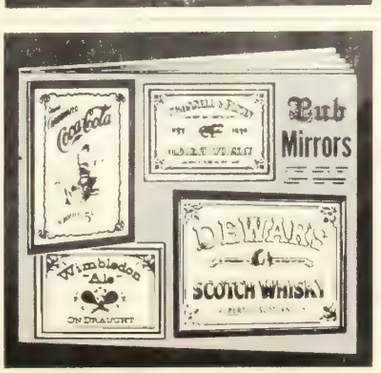
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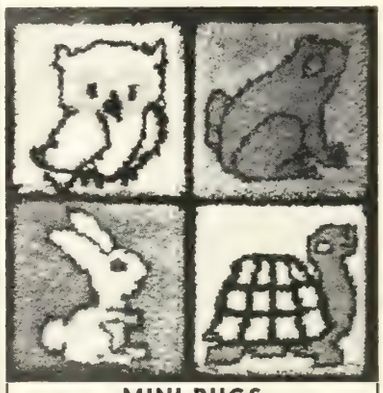


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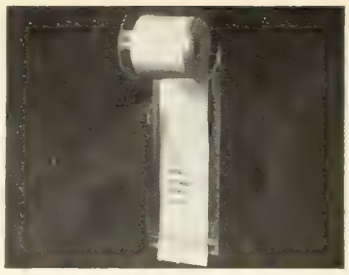
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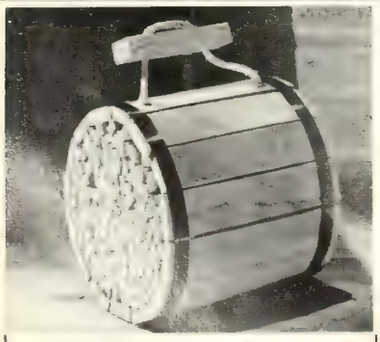
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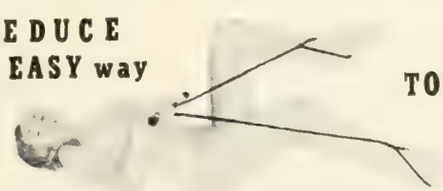




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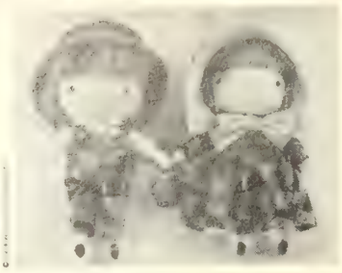
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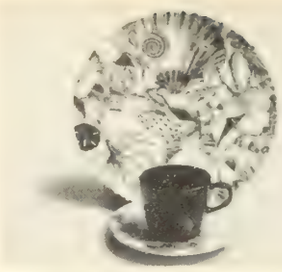
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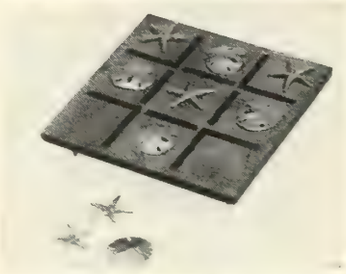
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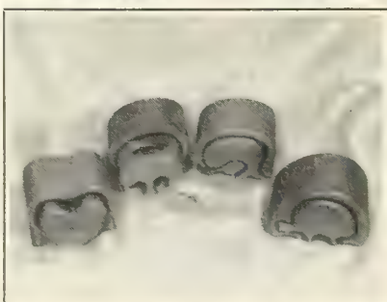
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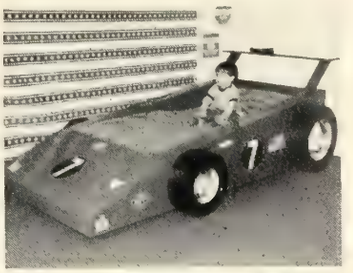
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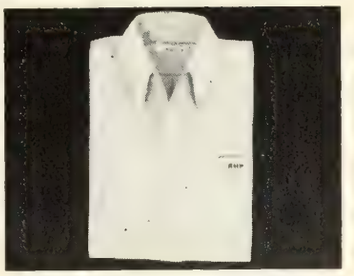
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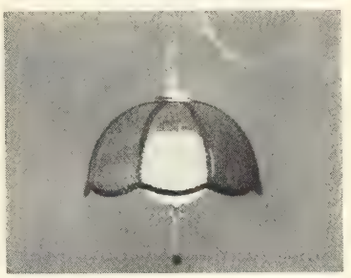
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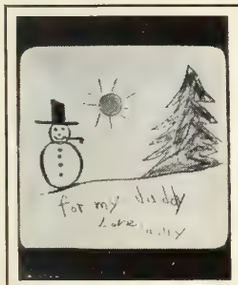
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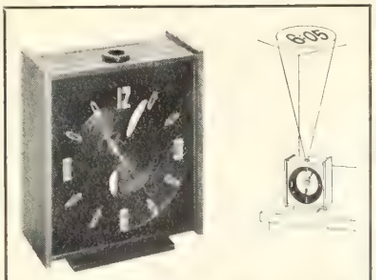
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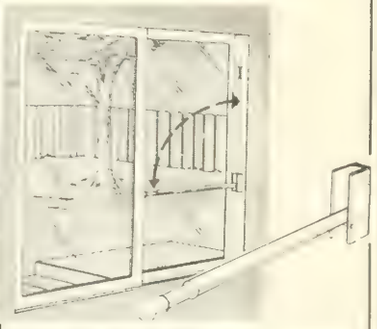


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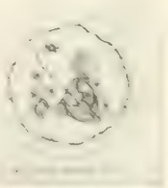
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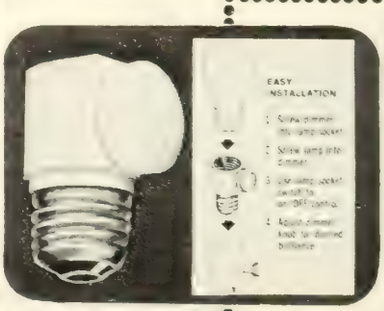
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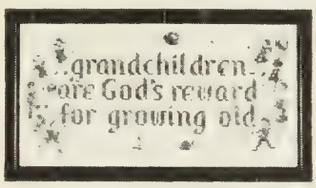
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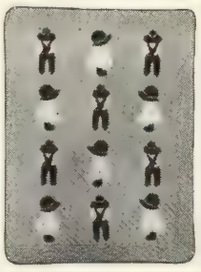
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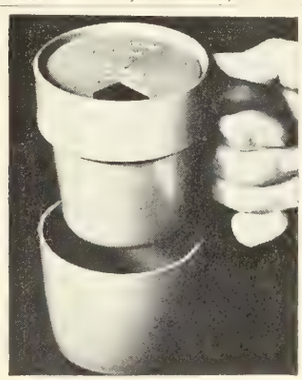
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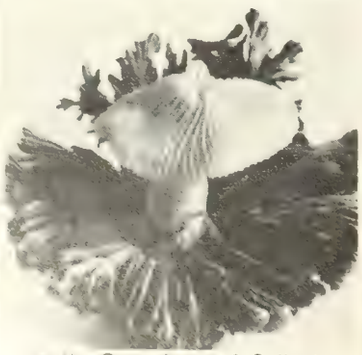
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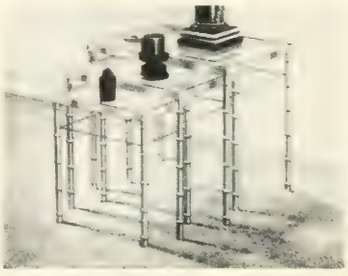
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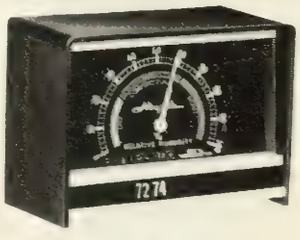
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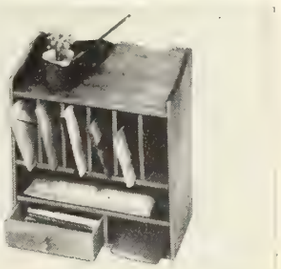
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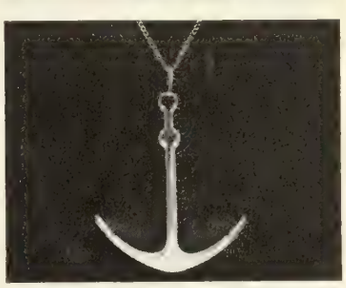
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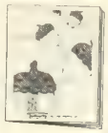
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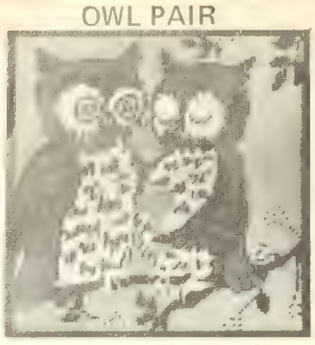


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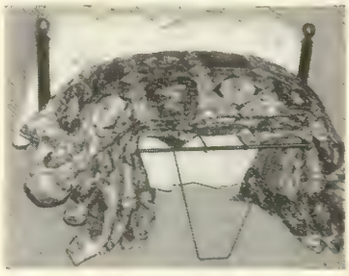
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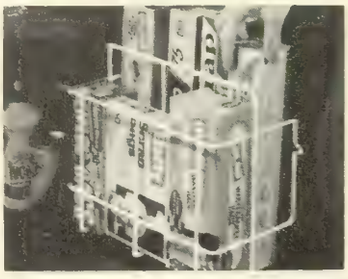
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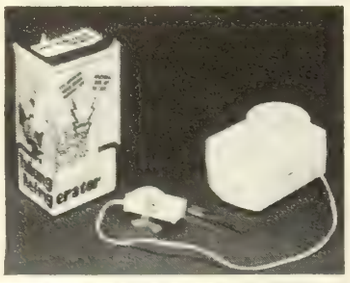
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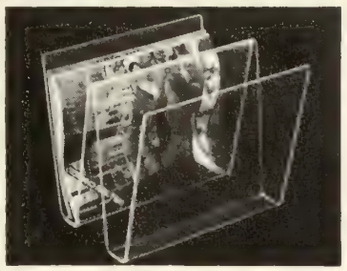
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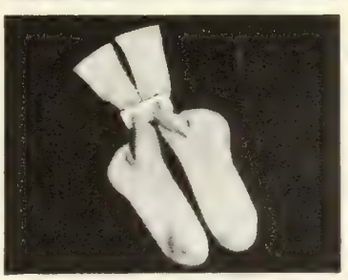
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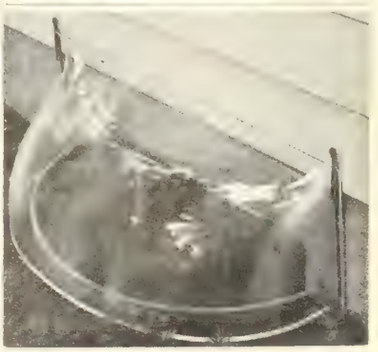
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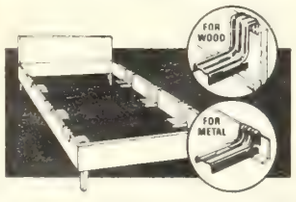
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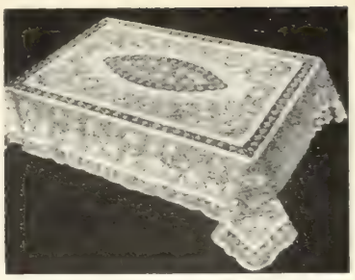
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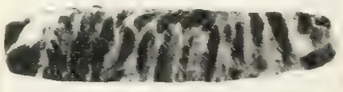
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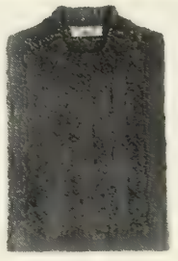
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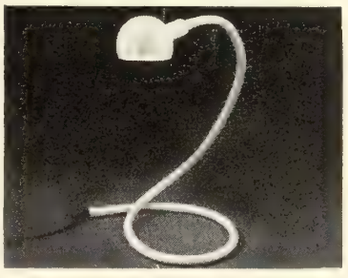
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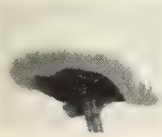


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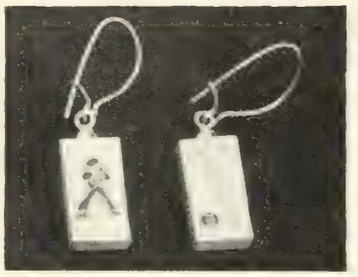
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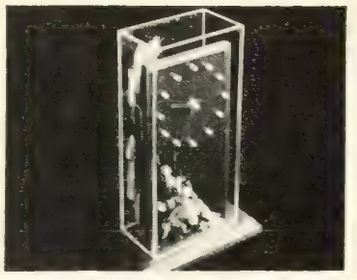
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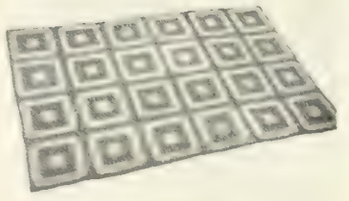
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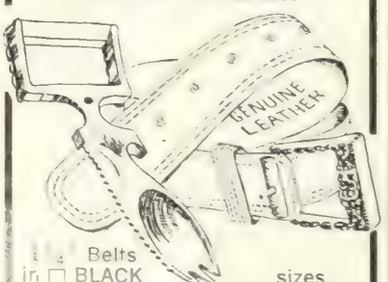
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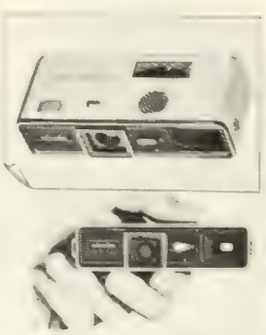
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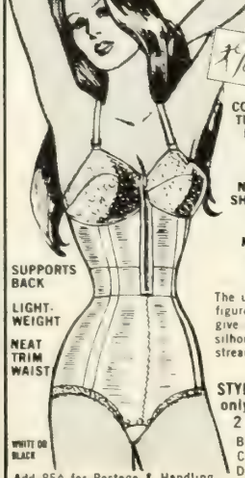
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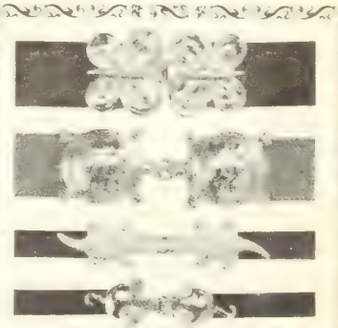
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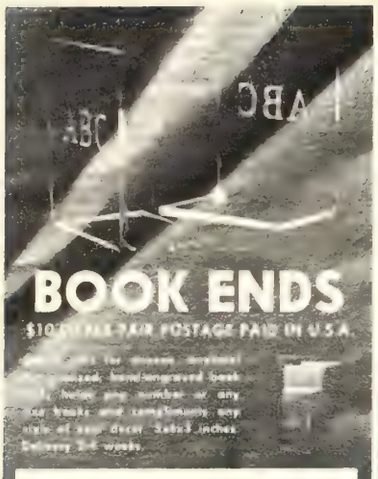
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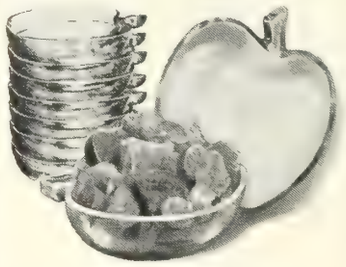
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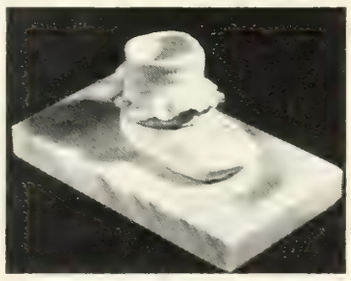
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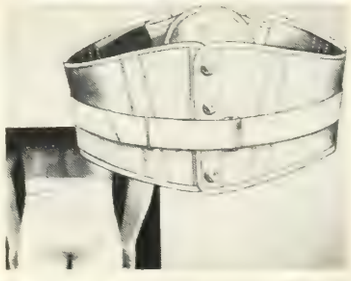
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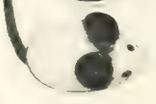
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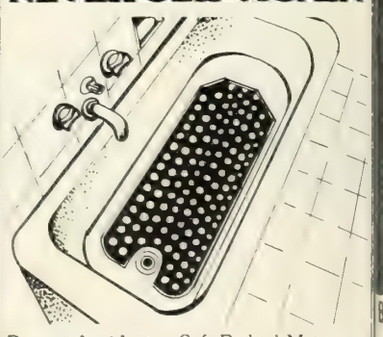
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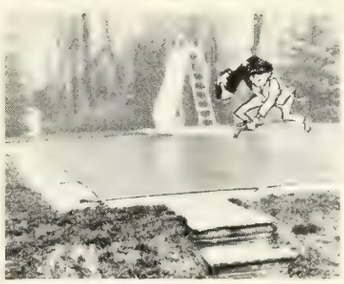
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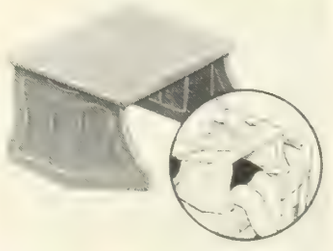
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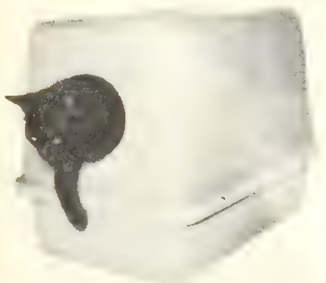
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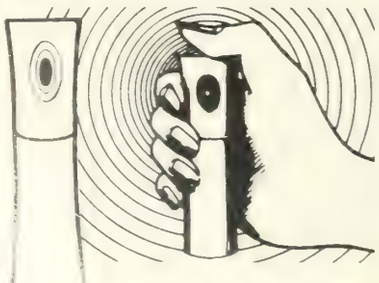


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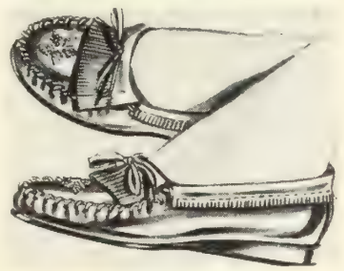
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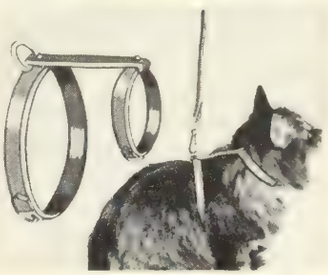
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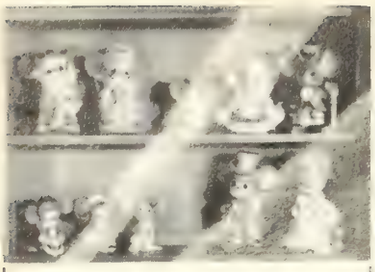
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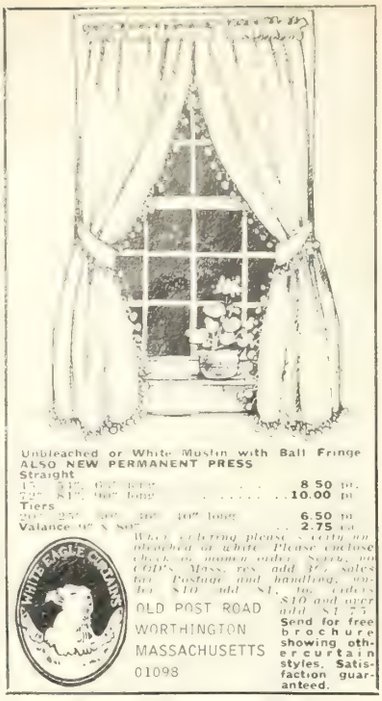
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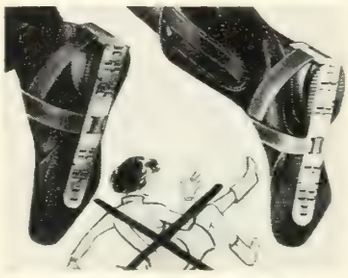
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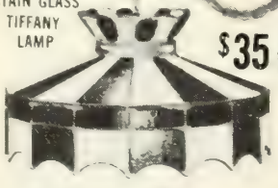
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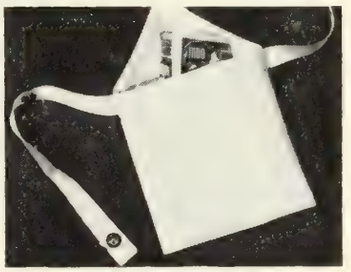
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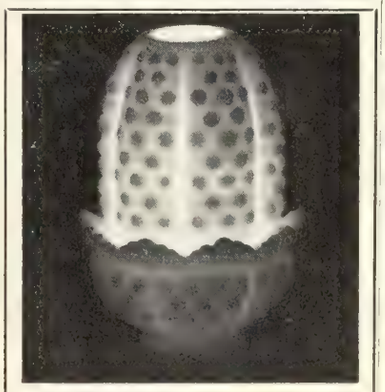
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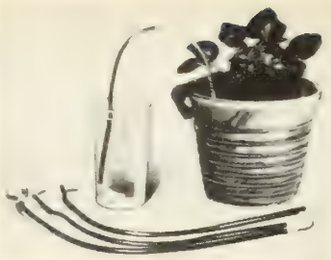
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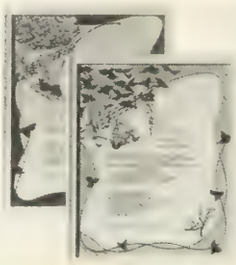
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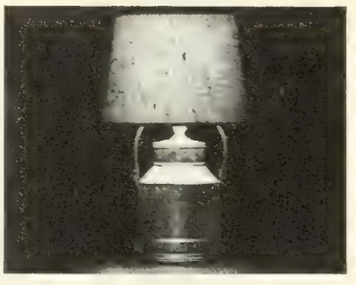
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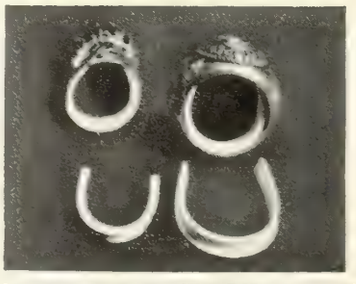
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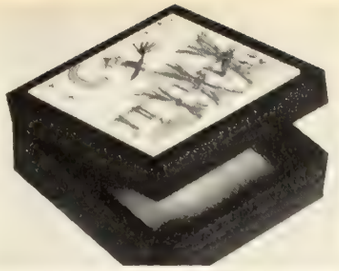


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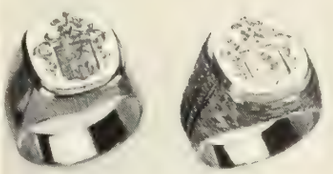
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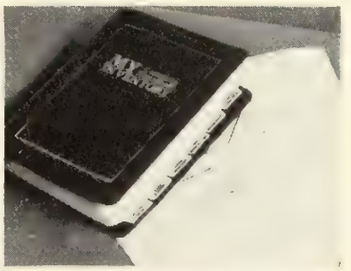
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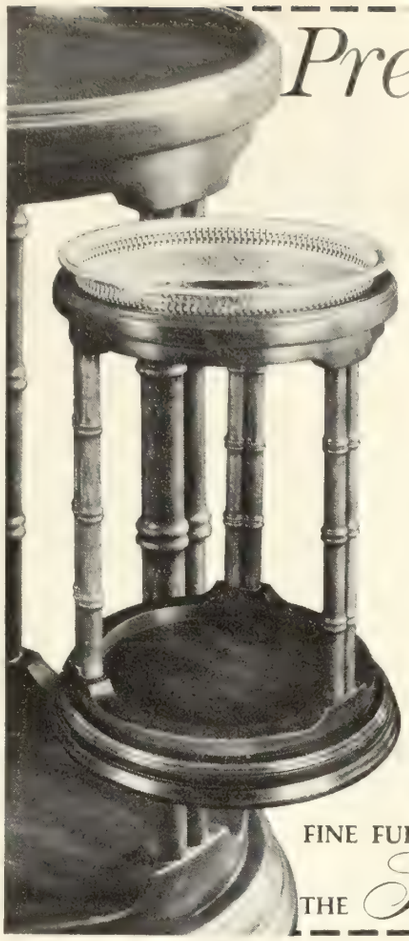
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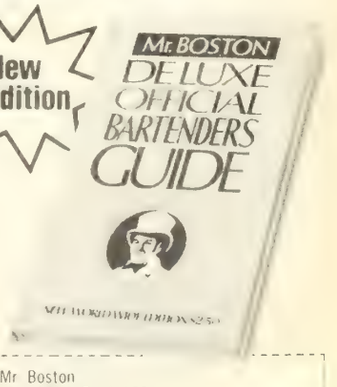
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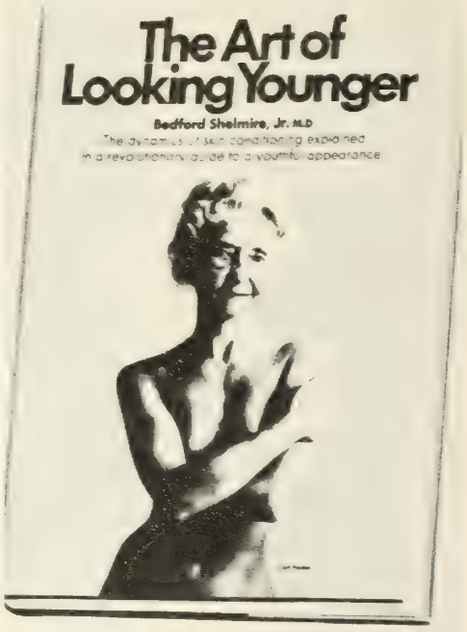
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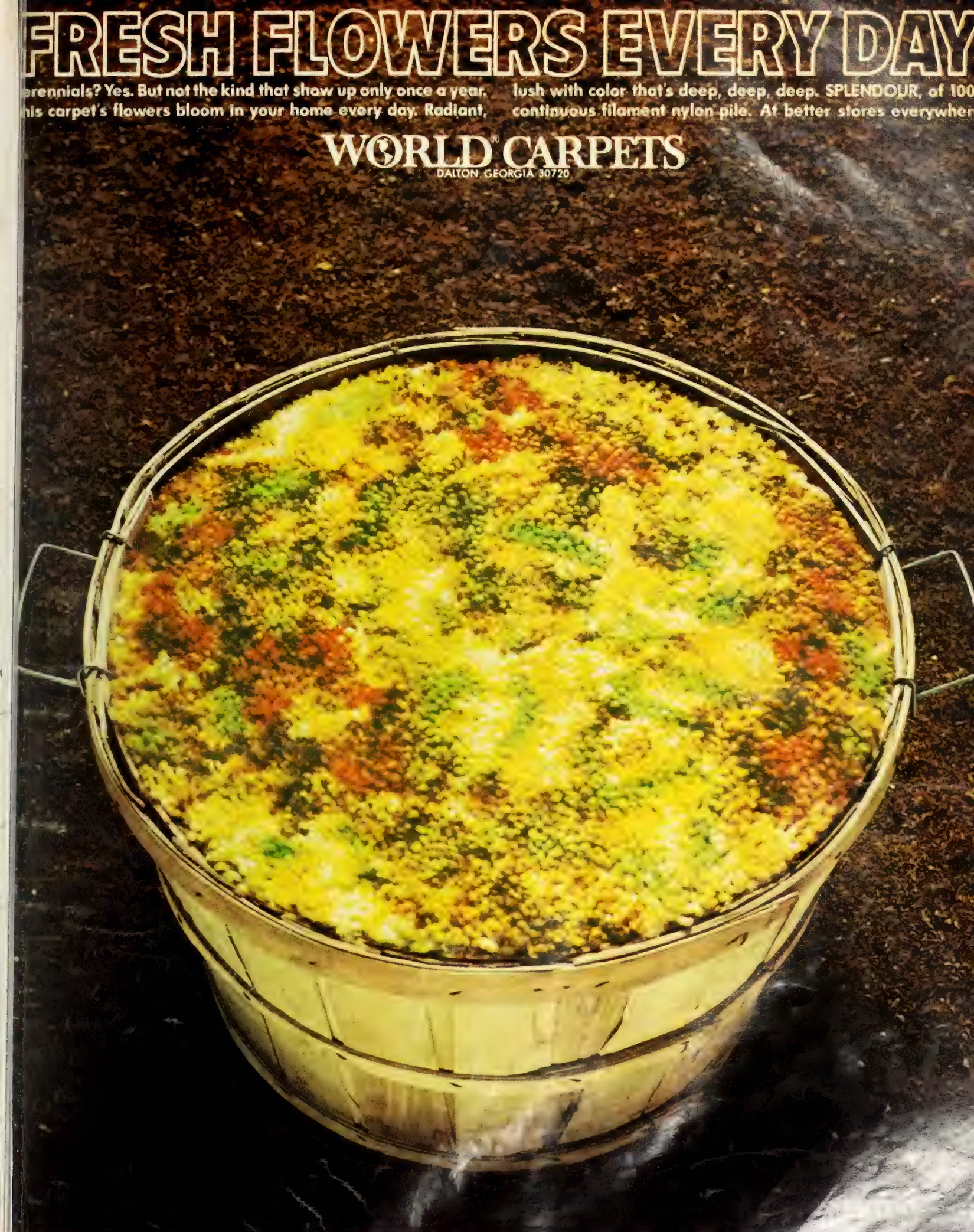
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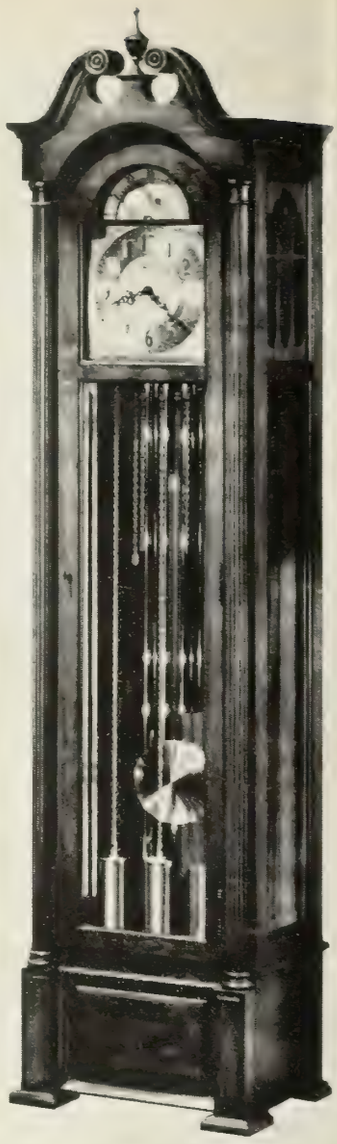
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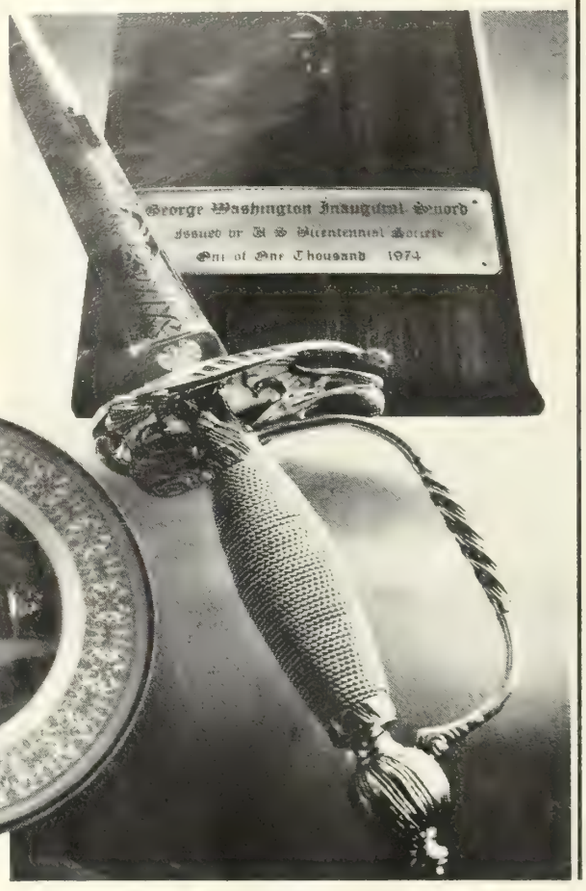
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CHAIR, U.S. BICENTENNIAL SOCIETY; OTHERS, BILL HELMS; FOR RETAIL SOURCES, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION

By ALMA JONES WATERHOUSE □ The big parade has started—and in the next two years, we are going to see a veritable flood of objects designed around our nation's 200th birthday. Unfortunately, not all of them will be produced with the same concern and thoughtfulness as the gift suggestions represented here.

For these items have been designed to appeal to collectors of Americana who want an artistic as well as a historical memento. All are being produced in limited editions by the U.S. Bicentennial Society, a private group that has worked with distinguished historians, art authorities and museums in compiling this collection.

I like to think they are collector's gifts for America's nooning—that time of midday rest symbolized in the Winslow Homer painting reproduced on the collector's plate at far left, one of a set of six. Officially entitled "The Young America of Winslow Homer," this commemorative set of (*Continued on page 16*)

JOSEPH HIRSHHORN ON BUYING ART

Last month, The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden opened in Washington, D.C., amid music, dancing, crowds and speeches. Part of the Smithsonian Institution, the new museum has a permanent collection of 4,000 paintings and 2,000 sculptures. Nearly 1,000 are now on view, including many never shown to the public before. The entire collection was donated by Joseph Herman Hirshhorn, who also helped fund construction of the museum.

By JACK HARRISON POLLACK □ If anyone can advise you about investing in art, it should be Joe Hirshhorn. The current value of his donation to the new Hirshhorn Museum reportedly exceeds $70 million, a staggering increase over the aggregate purchase price he originally paid. His talent for selecting fine art is nearly flawless, and has prompted a story making the round of museums that "If Hirshhorn were put in a room with 20 unknown paintings, he would pick the best five every time." A multimillionaire who made his fortune in Canadian uranium and Wall Street, Hirshhorn began his love affair with art 70 years ago as a boy living in a Brooklyn tenement with his widowed mother, who worked in a ladies' pocketbook factory for $12 a week. Lovingly, the boy—one of 10 brought here from Latvia when he was five—cut out pictures from Prudential Insurance Co.'s free Christmas calendars and pinned them up on his bedroom wall. "I lived with and dreamt about those pictures," he recalls. "Years later when I started to make money, I bought the originals. But if I could never have afforded anything better, I would have bought the best reproductions I could have gotten. That's one good way to live (*Continued on page 16*)

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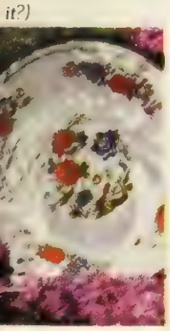


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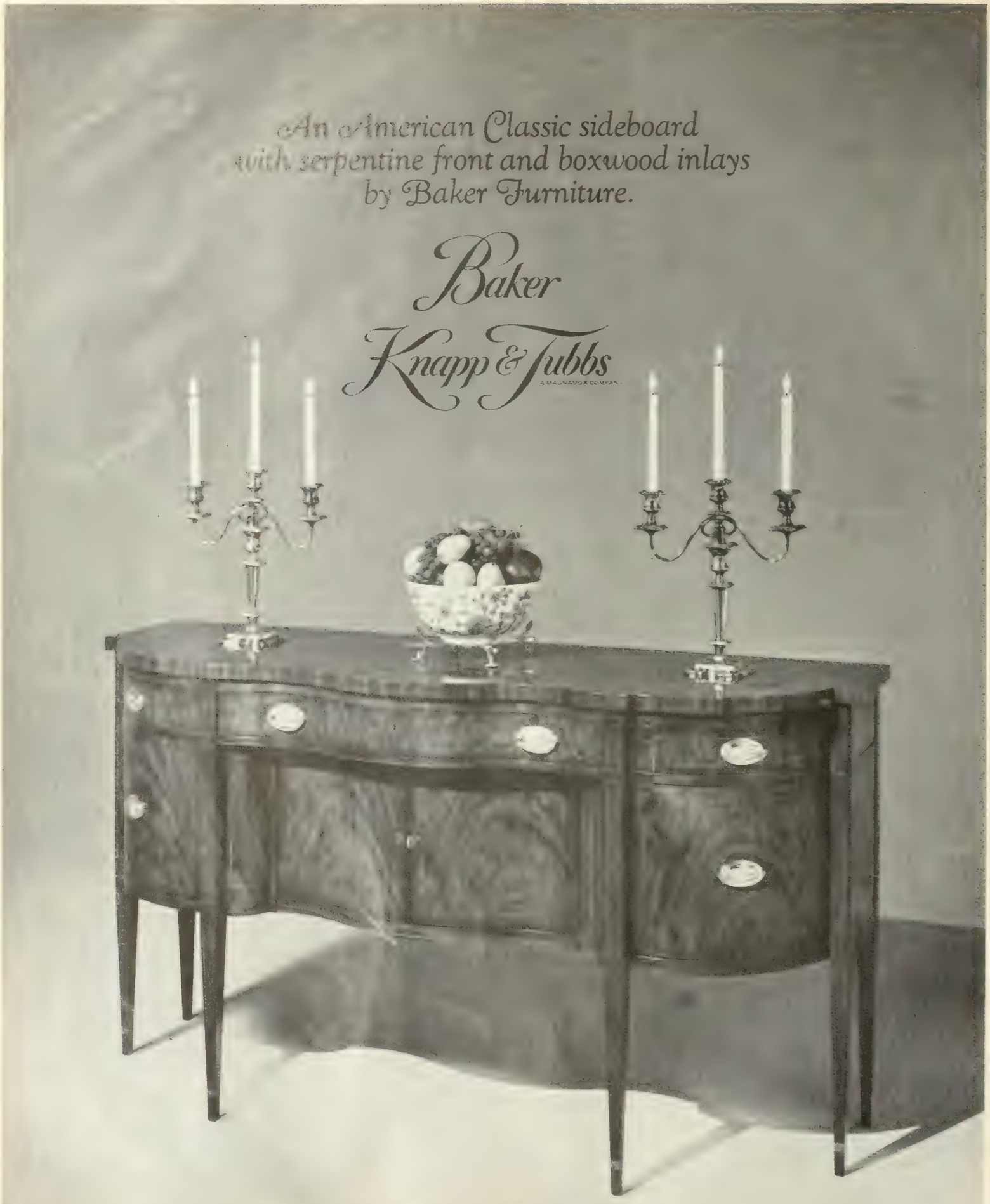
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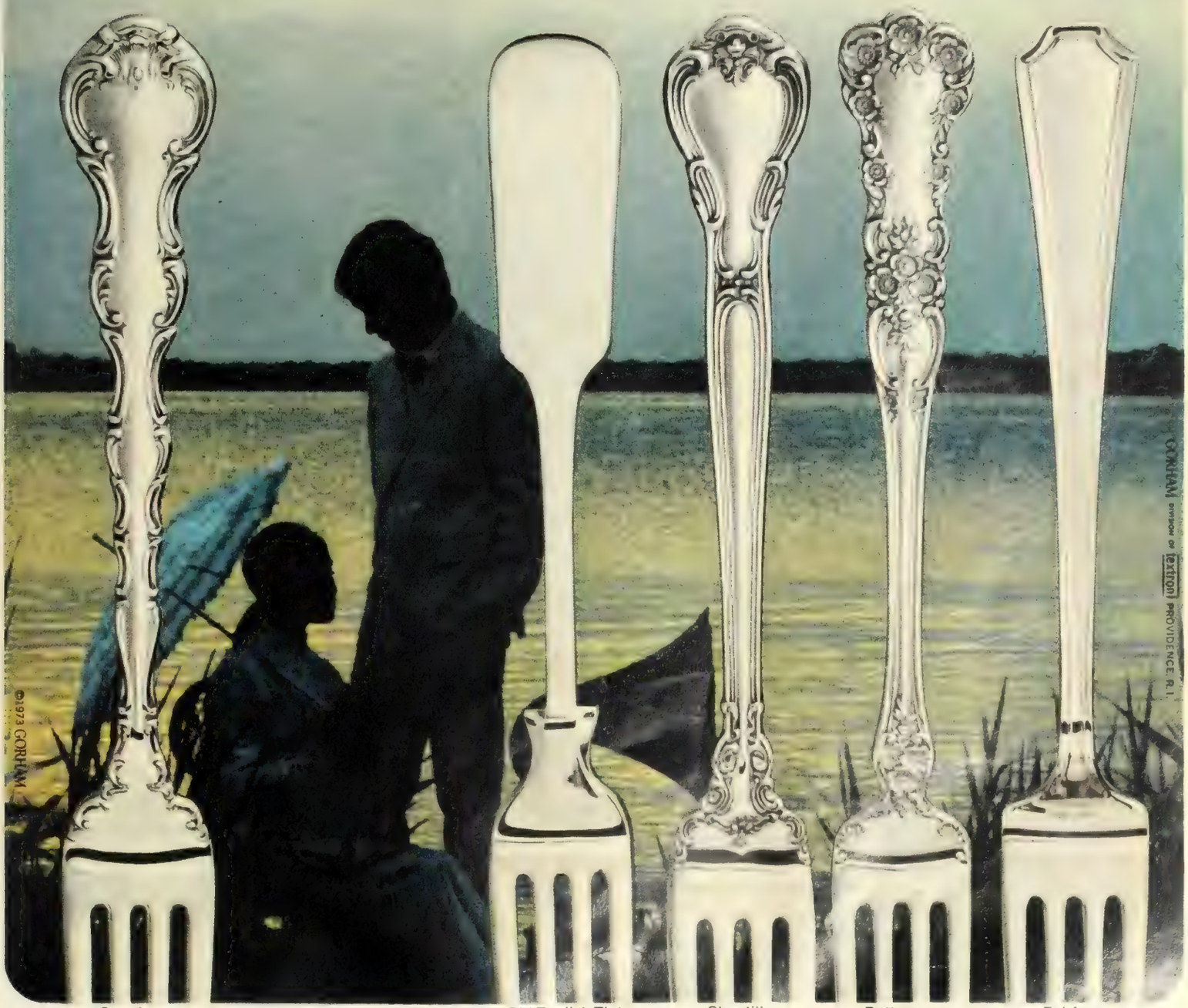
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The ebullient, bow-tied Hirshhorn, who still speaks in the blunt, earthy rapid-fire language (but not accent) of his Brooklyn boyhood has something to say about investing in art, although it may not be what you expect:

"People should buy what they want to live with. Why be ashamed of your taste? Trust your own judgment. The picture you like only has to harmonize with you, regardless of what your friends or family say when they see it on your wall."

Hirshhorn advises people of all incomes that whenever they acquire any beautiful or rare object they love—and can afford—they can never "lose," whether or not the object increases in value. If the value does rise, that's a bonus. Hirshhorn scorns those who buy "growth paintings" only for investment. He claims they generally end up both financial and artistic losers.

"If you are a beginning collector," says Hirshhorn, "you must learn to use your eyes and let your inner feelings guide you. Don't be seduced by fashion or popular trends, or because you're told it's a 'bargain.' The experts aren't always right.

"When I first began to collect, I was told by conservative dealers not to buy modern American art such as Kuniyoshi, which the Japanese are buying like mad today. They told me that modern American art would never achieve international significance. But I bought American art simply because I liked it. Sure, I've made mistakes, but if I liked what I bought, how can you call them mistakes?"

In more than 50 years of collecting, though, Hirshhorn has bought only two fakes. "I destroyed both of them," he reveals. For beginning collectors, he recommends: Don't be afraid to ask questions just as you do before buying a home, car, or hi-fi. The more you know about it, the greater your protection. When buying an original painting, drawing or graphic, make sure that your bill of sale includes specific data such as the medium, the year the artist conceived it, a certificate of authenticity (provenance) and whether the artist signed it.

Later, if you find this doesn't jibe with the facts, you can return it to the seller. Try to peek on the back of any original painting or drawing first. It may tell you the condition and some revealing fact that the artist wrote.

There are pitfalls in collecting, admits Hirshhorn. "You spend money beyond your means," he reflects. "You never begin as a collector. You begin innocently enough. But before long, your walls and closets are full."

Does Hirshhorn like everything he has collected? "They're *all* my favorites, because they're all my children," he insists. "Does a mother ever really have a favorite child? If a house is burning, she'll grab the nearest child."

For occasional buyers eager to buy judiciously, Hirshhorn suggests: Look for the best example of an artist's work that you can find and afford. A good drawing or graphic by a gifted artist is often a better buy for a beginning collector than one of the artist's more expensive, poorer paintings.

You don't have to buy every time you look either, reminds Hirshhorn. A serious collector—whether full or part time—visits galleries and even artists just to keep up. "Be your own curator. And if you buy good art, you've got to take care of it. You can't just buy it and let it go to hell through neglect."

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six plates has been produced in an edition of 2,500 and is selling for $625 a set. An additional 50 sets were made for the U.S. Office of Protocol with a presidential inscription on the reverse side, to be given as presidential gifts. (Former President Nixon presented the first sets to Russia's Leonid Brezhnev and to the Nixons' hosts in the Middle East last spring.)

Made by the Lenox China Co., each 10½-inch plate has a 14-carat gold border and deep blue cobalt rim around a reproduction of a Homer painting. Besides "The Nooning," which hangs in the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn., the series depicts Homer's "The Country School" from the St. Louis Art Museum, "Gloucester Farm" from the Philadelphia Museum of Art, "Weaning the Calf" from the (*Continued*)



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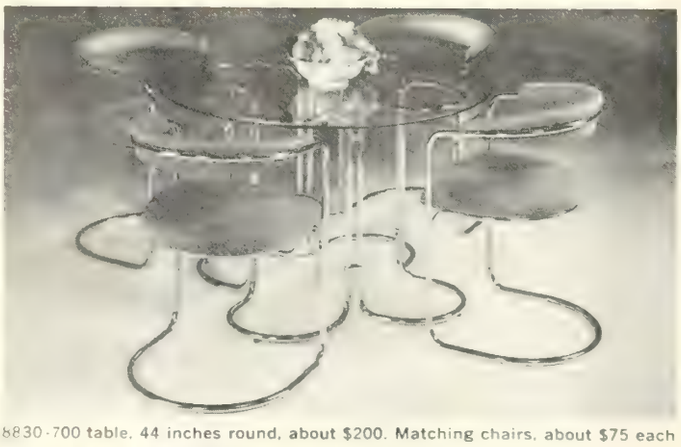
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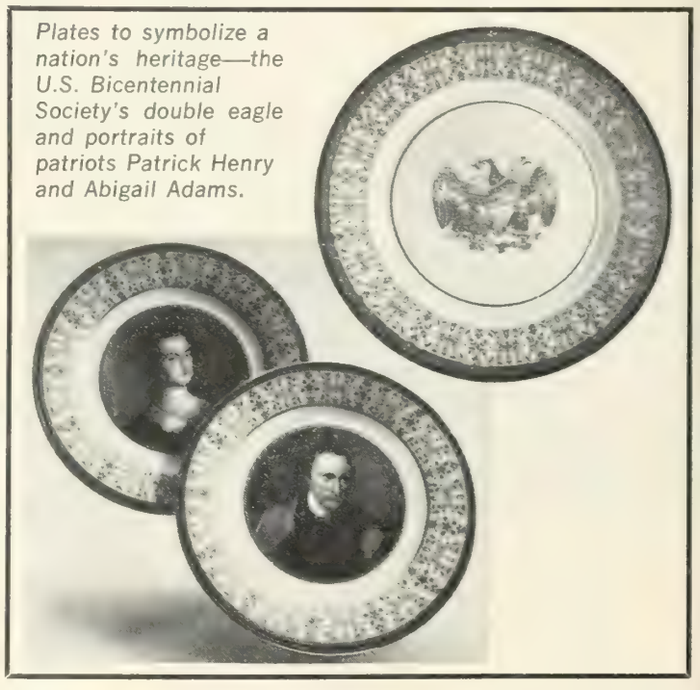
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The double-eagle plate reproduces the society's seal, which will be put on each commemorative item, designed by William D. Gravitt, former staff artist for Colonial Williamsburg. These 5,000 plates, with the motif worked in 24-carat gold and cobalt on a plain ground, were made by the Lenox China Co., and are selling nationally for $150 each.

The two portrait plates are the first in a series reproducing paintings from the society's *Book of American Revolutionary Patriots*. This leather-bound volume will include biographical sketches on the 50 chosen patriots by such historians as Henry Steele Commager, Alistair Cooke, Bruce Catton and Chief Justice Warren Burger. Each illustration is taken from a museum painting by a portraitist of the period—again showing the society's desire to combine the historical story and the artistic heritage. It is to be completed by late 1976.



Plates to symbolize a nation's heritage—the U.S. Bicentennial Society's double eagle and portraits of patriots Patrick Henry and Abigail Adams.

From these 50 early notables, 12 are being commemorated on the portrait plates, produced in sets of two, each set issued in an edition of 2,500 and priced at $150. The first two, seen here, portray Patrick Henry (from a painting by Thomas Scully) and Abigail Adams (as painted by Benjamin Blythe), the only woman included in the 50, the wife of our second president and mother of our sixth president, a woman who influenced the course of our nation's history without even voting. As every school child knows—it was she who wrote her sister that when the Adamses moved into the new President's House in the City of Washington, they found "not one room or chamber finished of the whole . . . and the great audience-room I make a drying room of, to hang the clothes in." But whether the house was completed or not, Abigail then initiated a series of drawing room receptions, receiving guests in the crimson oval room with an elegance of manner that suggested a new society had come to be

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books

■ Baskets. Lovely baskets. Don't buy this book to learn how to make them. Do buy it to read a fascinating history of baskets and the many weaves that fashion them. In fact, the best part of **Baskets as Textile Art**, by Ed Rossbach (Van Nostrand Reinhold, $14.95) is the review of weaving as a true art/craft form. The weavery techniques are expanded here beyond their use for baskets. Black-and-white photographs are excellent and clear; close-ups almost impel you to feel the texture. (*Continued*)

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■ **The Way Life Was, A Photographic Treasure from the American Past** by Jeffrey Simpson (Praeger, $19.95) is a sometimes nostalgic and sometimes grim record in black-and-white photography of our country from 1880 to 1915. Scenes range from the bleak farms of Kansas to New York's fabulous Fifth Avenue; from children laboring in coal mines to the cowboy on the plains. The record was compiled and the critical introductions written by Simpson. This is a moving portrayal and a thought-provoking glimpse of a part of our heritage.

■ For the art lover, art student, researcher or browser, here is a book that displays more information on Western and Eastern art than any other reference work we've seen. Published by the New York Graphic Society, **A Visual Dictionary of Art** presents an all-encompassing selection of 4,500 entries that includes 2,250 illustrations, 250 of them in full color. Instead of being annoyingly grouped, reproductions of art works appear with their entries, making a pictorial history of art that is easy to cherish. There are also concise references to artists, techniques, movements and terms for ready reference. It is a guide to fields of current interest as well as a history of art. The price is $30 and well worth it.

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Woodworking Projects for the Home by Popular Science Authors (Harper & Row, $10) contains 118 furniture, built-in and small remodeling projects. Not overly stylish pieces, but practical, and the instructions are clear. Moreover, all items were truly built and then photographed.

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The Family Handyman Home Improvement Book (Scribner's, $14.95) is a 500-page manual containing ideas and how-to data on making changes for the better in and around your home. Clearly presented with sketches and photographs, and the text is readable.—HELEN BRIGGS

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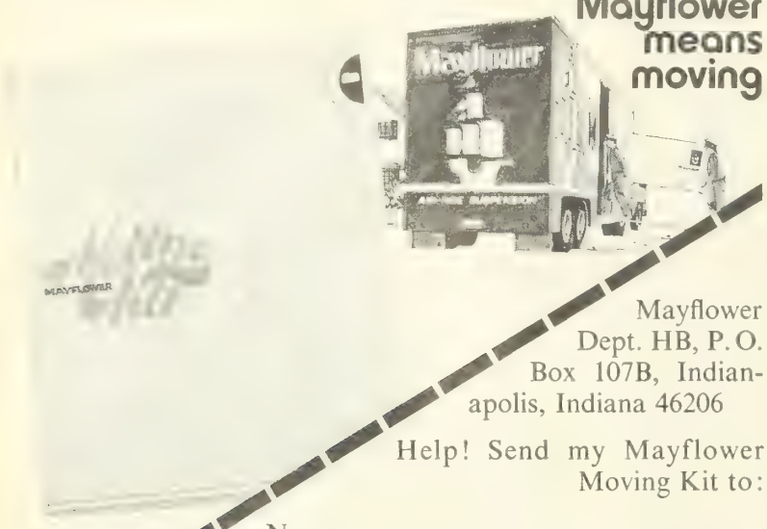
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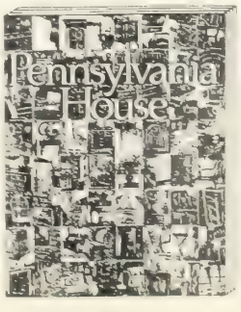
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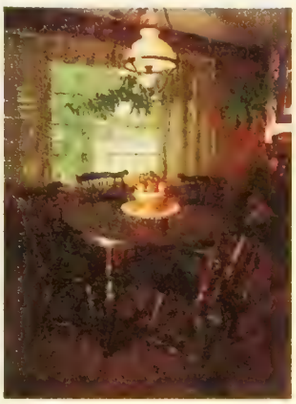


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letters

My husband and I have fond memories of our first visit to Trader Vic's in San Francisco, and we were delighted to find the recipes for the delicious (and potent) fruit drinks in the June issue. Thank you, House Beautiful. We promise to try every one.—Mrs. L.A., Denver, Colo.

If you must say something about every kind of drink eventually, I suppose you must. But I thought that your "Drinks for Summer Sipping" (June) were depressing. I didn't know anyone drank all those fruity things any more. I should think most people who read your magazine would enjoy the classics, or, even more, a cooling glass of superior white wine.—Mrs. R.B.M. III, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

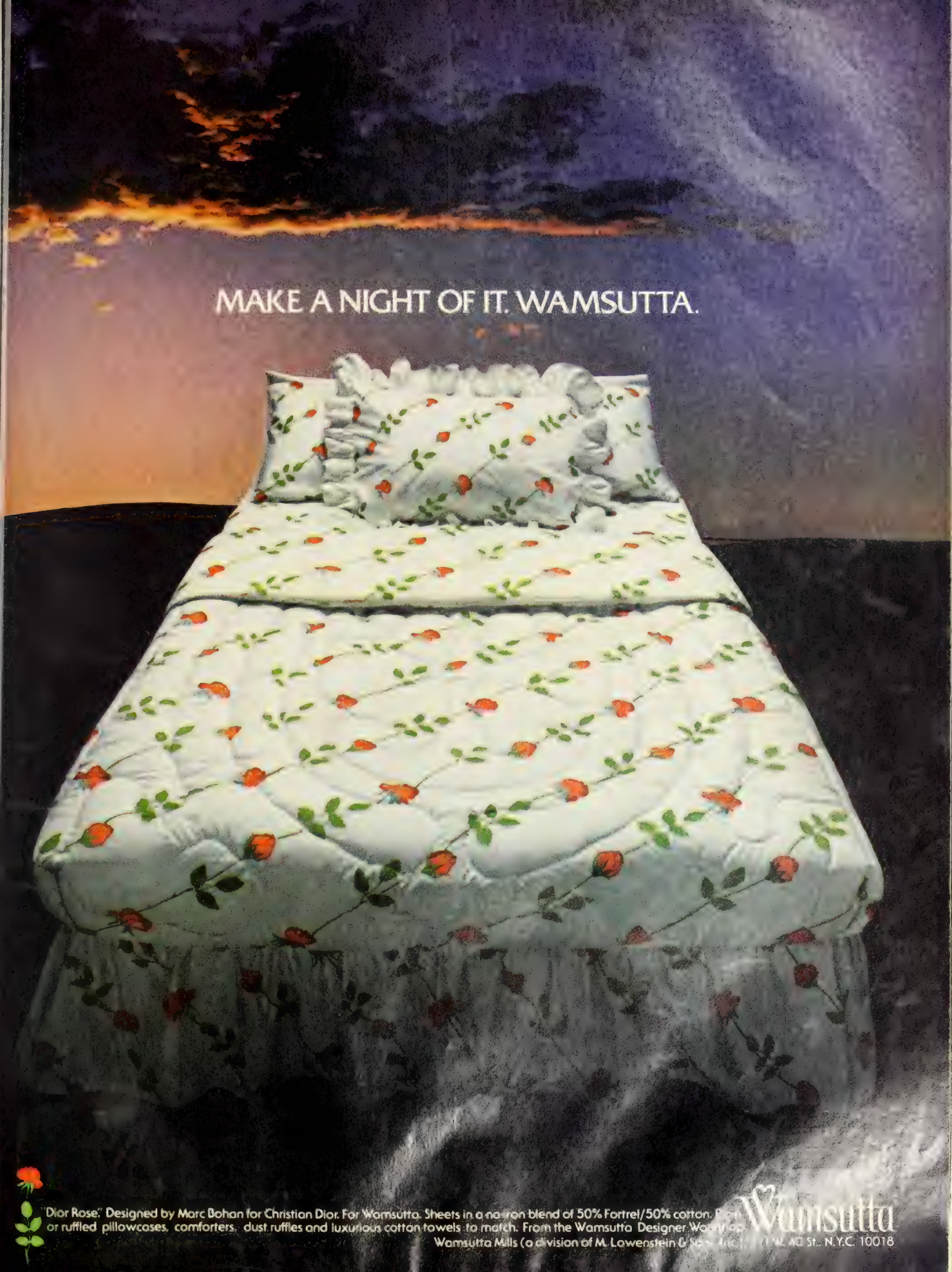
I was very impressed with the photograph of the kitchen on the July cover. The wallpaper was charming and I liked the ceramic floor tile; also, the arrangement of cabinets—so compact and useful, and the refreshing color combination of navy and jonquil. Sorry I couldn't see the rest of the house. Please give us some more, soon.—S.R., Jamaica, N.Y.

The July issue was correctly named "Kitchen Spectacular!" I loved every page. I particularly liked the shades on the antique brass chandelier hanging in the lovely Brooks kitchen.—Mrs. R.B., Dothan, Ala.

In studying your photographs and articles concerning home decorating and "do-it-yourselfing," we have found that over the years many of your ideas have helped us formulate our own. A table and chair from one page combined with a window decoration from another have always seemed to stimulate our minds and have helped us to finally complete what we feel is the perfect kitchen and laundry area.—J. & M. DeL., West Upton, Mass.

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The weeping fig is an indoor tree you can sit under

If you would like a graceful, leafy tree spreading weeping, willowy branches over a chair, a sofa or even your bed, invest in a *Ficus benjamina* (FYE-kus ben-juh-MYE-nuh). Reference books call it the weeping fig, which indeed it is, but it is one of those plants so well liked that most people respectfully address it in Latin, either as "ficus" or simply "benjamina." As an indoor tree, it can be easily maintained by pruning to a height of six to 12 feet.

You can grow the weeping fig in average house temperatures, say 62° to 85° in the winter, with pleasantly moist, fresh air. In hot, very dry, stale air, red spider-mites are likely to yellow-fleck and web the leaves (spray alternately with Kelthane and Dimite). Use a general-purpose commercial potting soil, or mix your own according to this recipe: Combine equal parts good garden loam, sand (or perlite) and sphagnum peat moss. Water really well, then not again until the top inch of soil is approaching dryness. As with most woody plants, if the weeping fig's roots and growing medium dry out completely, the plant will probably die. And, if you allow the pot to stand constantly in a saucer of water, roots may rot and also cause death.

Determining proper light for the weeping fig is a little tricky. The young shrub or tree you bring home may have been growing in sun or shade. Branches densely set with dark green foliage indicate it has been in an abundance of sun; lighter green, more open growth may mean the tree is already accustomed to shade. In either case, you can expect a newly acquired *Ficus benjamina* to drop a quantity of leaves, especially the older ones, while it becomes accustomed to a new environment. Try not to panic, for this is an amazingly adaptable indoor tree. If you want it to grow in a spot where there is not enough daylight to read by, add a Cool Beam or Cool-Lux floodlight about three or four feet above the branches and burn it six to 12 hours out of every 24. For best growth, keep the leaves clean. If possible, set it outside for a refreshing shower from rain or the garden hose in warm weather. Indoors, smaller ficus can be moved to the bathroom for a shower. Use a feather duster on big ones. A tree four to six feet tall will do well in a 12-inch pot □ By ELVIN McDONALD

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How's your C.S.P?

—it can determine party success

By BARBARA ANN MORRIS ☐ When you give a party, are you as relaxed and carefree as your guests? Or do you scurry rabbit-like all evening to clean overflowing ashtrays, mop spilled drinks and rescue burnt hors d'oeuvres from the oven?

If you're the relaxed and carefree type, the chances are you're a hostess with C.S.P.

C.S.P.—Common Sense Planning. It's that extra little bit of effort, that added thought, that final touch that polishes a party so it runs brightly and smoothly. Result: a hostess who has as much fun as her guests.

Hostesses who have C.S.P. don't say *fini* to their party plans after they've invited the guests, chosen a menu, stocked in food, drinks and ice and cleaned the house. Oh, yes—and hung guest towels in the bathroom. Hostesses with C.S.P. *then* ask themselves one more question: "What else can I do to make sure my guests will feel totally welcome and comfortable from the minute they step through the door?"

The answer is to think of what else, besides food and drink, will contribute to the *total* well-being of your guests. Remember, man (or woman) does not live by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres alone.

Fortunately, unlike a beautiful face or long, slim fingers, C.S.P. is not necessarily something you're born with. You, too, can acquire it with a little time and a little practice.

To help, here are a dozen C.S.P. tips you can use to get a party large or small off to a good start—and a good middle . . . and a good ending.

1. Invite only as many people as your home will hold *comfortably.* Allow room for body language. Visualize groups of guests in your room, sitting, standing, gesturing, throwing their heads back to laugh. Even at a standup cocktail party, people shouldn't be jammed in so tightly that they are backed against walls and forced to lock their elbows at their sides.

2. Be sure to invite two or three sparklers—zesty people who can be counted on to spark any conversation. They are usually skilled devil's advocates and conversation in their orbit is always stimulating.

3. Plan for enough space to [illegible] coats (and umbrellas and [illegible] it's raining or snowing). [illegible], keep them far from the party room. A coat closet near the front entrance is great for everyday family life, but if you use it for guests' coats, you're asking for a traffic jam. As one group struggles to shed coats, new arrivals are leaning on the doorbell or, worse, pushing the door open and ramming the doorknob into ribs or kidneys. If the coats are dry, they can be placed on your bed. If there's a chance of wet weather, it will be worthwhile to rent a clothes rack for the evening. Your guests will all appreciate your thoughtfulness.

4. Clear knick-knacks out of the living room. That Delft bud vase on the coffee table may be the pride of your decorating scheme, but be firm. Put it in a safer place. If someone accidentally breaks it, you'll be miserable and the guilty guest will be super-miserable. By clearing out the bibelots, you reduce the risk of breakage and you provide more space for glasses, ashtrays and plates of food. If necessary, bring in additional small tables for this purpose. Be sure they're sturdy and not easily toppled.

5. Invest in several really large ashtrays that don't need to be emptied every 15 minutes. When you do empty them, circulate around the room with a silent butler. If you've allowed for body language, this should be easy. If you don't have a silent butler, carry an empty coffee can decorated with colored foil to match your décor. When the ashes have been emptied into it, cap it with its airtight lid to prevent any possibility of fire. Remove any ashtrays that are purely decorative and will not hold a cigarette firmly. They make it too easy for a guest to burn a table top—another tragedy and embarrassment that could have been avoided by thinking ahead.

6. Move any house plants that might be damaged in the crush. Any other day, your potted palm, standing between the living and dining areas, is a magnificent room divider, but on party night, it's a traffic hazard and runs the risk of snapping its fronds. Again, compromise your décor and tuck the palm into a bedroom or out-of-the-way corner for the night.

7. Anticipate a guest's minor problems and provide for them. Put a bottle of aspirin, a glass, safety pins, tissues, hair spray and needle and thread in the bathroom (after removing personal items such as your toothbrush and deodorant). Put these (*Continued on page 71*)

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Silver endures

—throughout an age of change

By SUE NIRENBERG □ Not quite *everything* changes. Young people still fall in love (a phrase that somehow seems charmingly old-fashioned), most marry, and the yearning for continuity, hospitality and a more graceful way of life is stonger than ever. There is a turn-away from the hip, the quickly disposable and the commune experiments of the 1960s. In their place, a return to pairing and privacy, wherein *things* once looked upon as contemptible are becoming more interesting. In "Falling in Love," an open letter to her daughter in *Vogue* in 1971, Deborah Kerr describes so beautifully and gracefully what first love is all about.

> ". . . and suddenly spilling over into my mind came the memories of my own first love with all its raptures and tortures. The first time of ever feeling as one with a man . . . the shared beauties of myriad things . . . country walks on frosty, sunny days . . . paintings and silver and porcelain. . . ."

Silver! Sterling! That lovely, light-catching, warm metal that implies elegance, dignity, hospitality and tradition. Sterling, the symbol of stability that grows finer with age.

Although the bride of today's generation would never take the time to keep always polished the ornamental tea and coffee service that servants once kept in sideboard-display gleam, she still wistfully wishes for sterling flatware. Liberated and lively, she still loves flatware that has *relaxed* along with complicated dining styles into knife, fork, spoon—perhaps salad fork.

While the influence of the bride's mother continues to hold strong, the groom's influence in matters of the home is stronger. *He* shops with the bride. *He* cares. The bride of the 1970s is offered an overwhelming choice of design in flatware: handles festooned with flowers, fruits and leaves, pierced patterns, pistol handles, sway-back blades, fiddleback shapes, bamboo or Art Nouveau detailing. Outspoken and liberated from mere convention and allegiance to outmoded rules of etiquette and behavior, today's bride (whether she marries traditional in church or barefooted in a field with his her words for a ceremony) often chooses—and *he* often chooses—paradoxically, the most ornamental silver designs.

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Sterling flatware—indeed all sterling—is now staggeringly, prohibitively high. Is sterling worth the price when stainless will serve as well? For some, no; but for some, yes. Silver manufacturers have changed the number of standard pieces in a set, and the manner of pricing. Where once the emphasis was on eight or 12 place settings of six pieces each, (given by joyful parents who believed that providing their daughter's sterling flatware was their obligation), it is possible and permissible now to buy three- or four-piece settings of knife, fork, spoon—and salad fork. (In 1948, the traditional six-piece place setting cost $18; the price is now over $75.)

A variety of club plans let a couple, or the couple's benefactor, take 12 to 24 months to pay without any carrying charge. In a world of runaway inflation, sterling flatware proves to be a wise investment. As the population increases and the supply of precious metals decreases, silver values are driven higher, but like art, diamonds and antiques, sterling can be an inflation hedge for intrinsic value and craftsmanship, gleaming amid baskets, candlelight, patchwork, plants in modest city apartments or in reworked farmhouses. ■



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Plant fever

—artistry with nature's bounty

By VIOLET M. LAUKKONEN □ If you're overwhelmed by an ardent desire for creativity but have always felt that you were "not artistically inclined," don't despair. With a bit of assistance from nature's jewel box, you can find the same satisfaction creating with plant materials another might find in painting.

Let the roadside abundance of pearly everlastings, yarrow, curly dock and milkweed pods become your means of self-expression. Discover the beauty of the woolly mullein rosettes, the graceful asparagus-fern. Your life will never be the same. Plant fever is very easy to catch.

Dozens of books have been written on making arrangements with such plant material, but too often you'll find that the plants described do not grow near you. So the trial-and-error method is usually best.

Neighbors' yards are usually good sources of supply. Most people will gladly honor your plea for strawflowers, unicorn pods or Chinese lanterns, but expect to raise a few eyebrows at a more bizarre request for poppy and peony pods, pigweed, corn tassels, delphinium spike pods or honeysuckle branches, all of which can be transformed into enchanting arrangements.

And, needless to say, some gathering expeditions will end in catastrophe. If trickles run down your nose and your eyes burn so intensely that you can't find your way home, don't fret. That's hay fever, not plant fever.

Besides allergies, the fragility of some plants may incite mutterings of unmentionables under your breath. One of these is the goat's beard. Its fluffy globe is an exquisite creation to conjure up thoughts of moon mist and fairy wings. But let a puff of wind appear and its downy seed head will vanish.

Experts usually advise you to creep up on this plant with hair spray, but you also can conquer it by learning to recognize the plant and plucking it before it's fully open. Then immerse the stalks for several days in a water-filled jar and you'll have dozens of goat's beards.

The drying process also may present disappointments. Except for Chinese lanterns, most plants should be hung upside down to dry. Still, gaillardia heads and asparagus fern often crumble as they dry. Others, such as seed pods of milkweed, spring open and disperse millions of fuzzies to waft through your house and nestle on your best clothes and furniture. Cross such plants off your list.

If you have a plant that merely loses its color, though, learn to utilize the osmosis process. Put freshly picked stalks into water with green food coloring. Overnight, in most cases, the coloring oozes to the tops.

Learn, too, to pick the popular cattails when they are young and in the thin spike stage. Otherwise you may find yourself with fluff and a hoard of insects abandoning their cozy cattail for your kitchen table.

Once you have an ample supply of dried plants, you will have to find suitable containers for your arrangements. Again, learn to look around you. Containers can be bought for a few cents or cost nothing at all.

Dicker for price at a rummage sale or second-hand store and you'll carry home old sugar bowls and other pieces galore. With a coat of paint, plastic containers that household items come in can resemble the most unusually shaped ceramics.

To hold your materials in your containers, you'll find pronged flower holders, plaster of Paris and florists' clay—for lightweight arrangements—in hobby shops, garden centers or variety stores. Cement, too, can be used—mix one part of cement to four parts sand and a little water. If you try this mixture, though, you'll have to plop the concoction into the containers and insert your plant materials immediately. Multicolored arrangements should be spray-painted before arranging, but monochromatic ones can be sprayed after the cement is dry.

Whether left natural or spray-painted, tree branches can be used for charming effects, alone or with painted pods hanging from the branches. With equal splendor, branches can adorn your walls as well as your tables —used as a piece of wall sculpture might be or fastened to a burlap-covered base.

Whatever plant material you use, avoid overcrowding an arrangement. And be careful, too, of putting an outrageous number of arrangements into one room at one time.

No other stereotype rules govern the form or color of dried materials. Try the traditional Christmas tree triangular shape; experiment with the S-curve, with diagonal and crescent arrangements. What is pleasing to your eye is the only rule that should govern your plant artistry—either in hue or in form. ■

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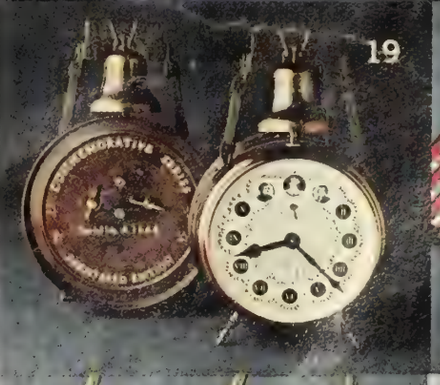

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Southern Bavaria—it's the fairy-tale Germany of Ludwig's castles

By MARION GOUGH. Read this if you are a pushover for romantic legend, castles of a beknighted kind, Wagner, Anton Lang, forests, lakes and mountains where you can vacation from yourself and *spazierengehen,* which means walking—something that has got to be the prevailing preoccupation of every German from nine months to 90, as I had discovered on this junket through Upper Bavaria last year. (If I'd been naming it, I'd have called it Lower Bavaria because it's in Germany's southland where the mountains melt right into the Austrian Alps and the natives speak with the equivalent of a drawl, greet you by saying *"Grüss Gott"* and sometimes even call you *"Gnädige Frau,"* which I thought only happened to people in books.

What motivated the trip, I'm almost ashamed to admit, was a cornball, if handsome, Fellini movie about eccentric Ludwig II, the good-looking, moody, daydreaming king of Bavaria who began his reign in 1864 as an 18-year-old Adonis in royal blue velvet and pearls and ended it, according to the movie anyhow, slouching around in a Dracula cape with his teeth all turned black. It's still controversial whether he was a hypersensitive aesthete or *non compus mentis.* His adversary ministers opted for the latter, had him declared incompetent in 1886, and shortly thereafter Ludwig and the alienist who had judged him insane were found dead from drowning in Lake Starnberg—mysteriously.

But during his reign, Ludwig had given Richard Wagner his start, patronized the arts, laid the groundwork for the Bayreuth Festival and built three remarkably innovative and costly castles (for which the locals still bless him because he gave them work). His romantic, star-crossed story was what put me on a Lufthansa flight to Munich, avid to tread the ground and the assorted marble halls that Ludwig also trod.

Mastering the art of French cooking seems to me a whole lot easier than mastering German history. Suffice it to say that Bavaria was a kingdom of its own in those days. Ludwig was, quite properly, born in Nymphenburg Castle, a 17th-century Italianate gem of a palatial hunting lodge on the outskirts of Munich that by the time Ludwig arrived had become a palace indeed, its vast garden and park studded with charming, tiny rococo castles—Pagodenburg, Amalienburg, Badenburg, Magdalenklause. Into this milieu of marble, ormolu and mirror Ludwig was born in a bedroom in the South Pavilion, resplendent with Empire furniture. You may see a portrait of his mother, Crown Princess Maria, in Nymphenburg's "Gallery of Beauties," something of a high-class pin-up collection in oil of ladies Ludwig's grandfather found lovely enough to have painted by Karl Joseph Stieler. Included was the notorious dancer, Lola Montez, his meddlesome favorite, who eventually was responsible for his abdication and the accession of Ludwig II's father. Just one other bizarre note in the Wittelsbach family tree.

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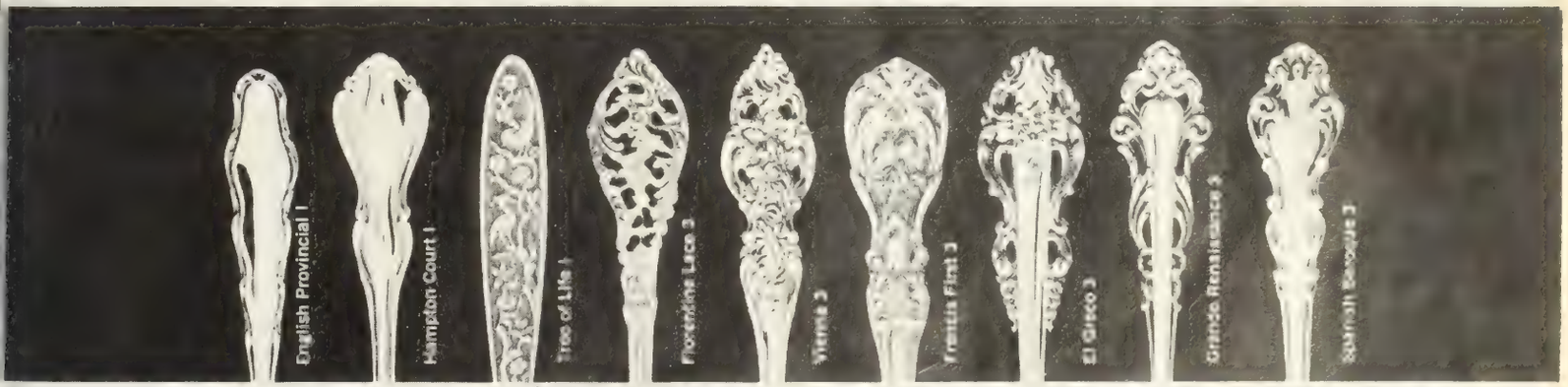
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☐ One sunny spring day in 1969, the late Dr. H. Lester Cooke, then curator of paintings at the National Gallery of Art, and William W. Morrison, formerly special assistant to the director of the National Gallery, were walking on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

As they passed a gift shop window, they saw "a tawdry glass ashtray, with the profile of an American patriot scratched on it and 1776 gouged over the picture. It was crude and ugly," explains Morrison, "and Lester bemoaned the fact that this might be what the Bicentennial was heading to artistically."

From that discussion, the two men went on to talk to Robert H. Kline of Richmond and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Virginius Dabney—and later with other historians and art authorities—about their fear that there would be "nothing of significance created for the Bicentennial year." That was the genesis of the U.S Bicentennial Society, a private group that in the five years since has worked to produce the gift suggestions discussed on page 10.

Morrison has become the organization's managing director, working full-time on the planning and production of its limited edition collection, Kline is now its president and Dabney is chairman of the group's blue-ribbon line-up of trustees, consultants and advisers.

Although the group has become interested in other activities for celebrating the nation's 200th birthday—such as the composition of a Bicentennial symphony—its efforts have so far been concentrated on producing commemorative objects that would offer both esthetic and historical appeal.

"The number of collectors is growing faster than ever before," Morrison notes, "but as Vincent Price, one of the most astute art collectors in the country, once observed, the reason the prices of paintings—fine works of art—are going higher and higher is that they just aren't painting those old masterpieces any more.

"Well, that's certainly true. And it is also true that there is a new kind of collector evolving in America because those old masterpieces are not being painted anymore. Even when you can find them, the prices for antique furniture and original paintings are so high that the average collector cannot touch them." The objects commissioned by the society do appeal to these new collectors, he feels, because they are "within the price range of many Americans and they are the finest quality available."

The story behind the selection and reproduction of the six plates in "The Young America of Winslow Homer" (*see the example on page 10*) is indicative of the society's thoughtful approach. "If you were to list the four top American painters," Morrison says, "they might be Gilbert Stuart, the early portraitist; John Singleton Copley, a contemporary of Stuart's; Thomas Eakins, the 19th-century artist, and Homer." The group rejected Stuart because he "was only a portraitist, and we felt that portraits, even those by Stuart, could not represent our country for these fine arts plates because we were going after the total spirit and feeling of the nation, not just the history of the country."

The same was true of Copley, to somewhat lesser degree, although he was never under strong consideration because he left the Colonies just before the Revolutionary War broke out and spent the rest of his life in Europe. "For that reason, Copley, in our opinion, was not a complete American.

"The superb Thomas Eakins is somewhat in the tradition of Rembrandt, a psychological painter—a rather deep, introspective analyst with paint. His work did not reflect the openness, joyousness and youthfulness of America."

So they arrived at Homer, termed by Lester Cooke the "most American of all painters" because of the quality of his painting. "When Homer painted a scene," Morrison notes, "there was really no confusion about what he meant. He put on canvas exactly what he wished to say. There is little introspection and no complicated, psychological studying for the art student to decipher."

Original plans called for using famous Homer seascapes. Then as the group spread out through the nation's museums reviewing Homer, "almost as if by magic, six Homer paintings aligned themselves, and only one, the National Gallery's 'Breezing Up,' showed the sea.

"In each case," Morrison adds, "there was youth repre-

sented, and it struck us that this was what we were looking for—not only the sense of the ingenuous youthfulness of America, but the actual portrayal of young people at work and at play. The paintings reproduced in the group are so very American."

The plates were made by the Lenox Co., using a new ceramic lithograph technique developed in England. In the process, more than 15 color separations are made and laid down one at a time, taking many weeks, before the colors are applied by hand and the plate glazed.

Morrison studied each original painting so that the color transparencies used would be as faithful as possible. Then as the processing continued, he went winging back and forth to the six museums where the paintings hang to check trial plates against the originals. One lithograph had to be rejected several times before everyone was satisfied.

We have to remember that the Winslow Homer series was moving from one medium to another, Morrison points out, "and as J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery, noted when he was examining the 'Breezing Up' plate, you cannot expect to go from one medium to another without having some slight color variation." Slight variation and all, the gold-bordered plates have been displayed by at least two museums in the U.S. as new works of art in their own right.

Similar situations developed in choosing the 50 people for the *Book of American Revolutionary Patriots*. This idea was conceived about two years ago, when the group realized there was no bona fide list of American patriots. "After one gets beyond the early presidents and such obvious names as Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton, there begin to be questions and confusion about who the rest of them really were."

The society's researchers came up with a list of 100 possible names, and a study group headed by Virginius Dabney pared the list to 50 its members thought were "essential building blocks for the Revolution." Wanting to include life portraits, wherever possible, of the patriots, the society found that there was no central file or index for the great paintings, no absolute list of where all of the early portraits are located. (As an outgrowth of their efforts, one is now being planned for the new East Building in the National Gallery.)

In Baltimore to see "The Meeting of the Generals at Yorktown" at the Maryland Historical Society, Morrison accidentally came across the Peale portrait of Nathanael Greene that will be used for the book and the series of 12 portrait plates drawn from it. Seeking fresh artistic representations, the group passed over the familiar Gilbert Stuart portrayal of Thomas Jefferson for a John Trumbull miniature at the University of Lodi, Italy. "It's almost unknown in this country and quite different from the Jefferson faces to which we're accustomed," says Morrison, adding that the group is still searching for the best examples to use for some of the patriots included in the group.

The most arresting development in the production process, however, has been the rapid price increase in the cost of precious metals. "You know what's been happening to the price of gold and silver," Morrison points out, and with gold decoration on all the plates and sterling silver used on the replicas of George Washington's inaugural sword and dueling pistols, the society's costs and prices have been affected. The Homer plates, for example, have jumped by $100 a set since the first descriptive brochures were prepared.

Throughout, though, Morrison pays tribute to the companies the society has worked with—the Kittinger and Biggs firm, which is producing the Trumbull-Declaration of Independence Chair; the Lenox Co. and Pickard China, the two companies making the plate series, the Wilkinson Sword Co., crafting the sword reproductions. "These firms prove that fine craftsmanship and high quality are not completely lost. It's simply a case of finding a firm that can produce a product as fine as one that our Colonial people might have enjoyed in the 18th century."

He anticipates that some of these collectibles will increase in value—the Washington sword replicas, for example, "not only because they have intrinsic value and quality but also because only 1,000 will ever be made"—but hopes that the expectation of rising prices will not be the reason that most people want to buy them.

"Americans should not lose sight of their history—the grandeur of it. I would hope that we are offering objects to those collectors who will bring them into their homes to become family heirlooms. When the Tricentennial celebration rolls around, I would hope that the descendants of these collectors will still have these objects." ■

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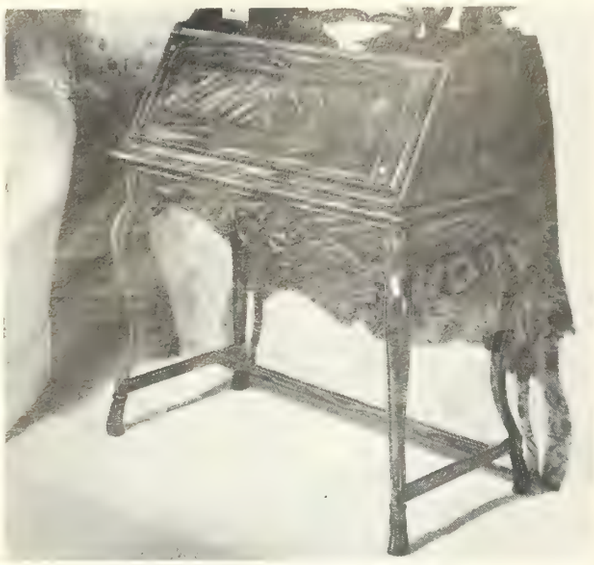
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miss the coach house, with elaborate state coaches and grandiose sleighs (my friend Ludwig has a passion for night time sleigh-riding through the snowy forests of Upper Bavaria). Even with no special interest to egg you on, you could easily give a day to Nymphenburg, in summer perhaps finishing off with a candlelit evening concert in the Great Hall, which was designed for music as well as banqueting.

The Residenz, the Wittelsbach's palace compound in Munich, built to suggest the Pitti Palace but more so, was naturally home to Ludwig. It was almost completely destroyed in World War II but has been reconstructed and is now home to regal furnishings and art collections that were originally there, acquired from the 17th century on. If porcelains and silver are your thing, don't miss it, and for a real mind-blowing, eye-dazzling experience, if you've a taste for diamonds, pearls and royal crowns, the *Schatzkammer* or Treasure Room is it. Loveliest jewel in the Residenz enclave is the reconstructed little Residenz theater, designed in 1751 by the gifted dwarf Cuvilliés, a Rococo charmer, just right for Mozart and Weber. Surrounded by its rose velvet and gilded garlands, Ludwig must have early on fallen under the spell of music, which was to lead him into a rapturous and ultimately disastrous relationship with Richard Wagner.

Ludwig heard *Lohengrin* at age 16 and became forthwith a devoted admirer of the composer (the swan was his personal symbol). Two years later, as king, he summoned Wagner, became the close friend and generous patron of this man who was not only a musical revolutionary but a political one as well. The relationship did not sit easily with Ludwig's ministers who saw Wagner as a ruthless and demanding egotist (which he was), using the willing king to further his own career, meantime mulcting the treasury and probably planning to overthrow the government. Even the citizens of Munich turned against their dashing young king when he proposed to build an opera house, to be under the direction of his favorite. Not long after, in 1868, Ludwig was forced, under pressure, to banish Wagner from Bavaria. The whole affair was shattering to Ludwig who began then to spend less and less time in Munich.

This puts us back on the traveler's road. Ludwig's retreat was at Hohenschwangau—now about a two-hour drive from Munich. He had spent most of his childhood in this turreted, 12th-century castle on a high tor, once a rallying place for minnesinger knights who could look out over a land of lakes—innumerable seen—to the wooded hills and meadow valleys of their knightly exploits. (I *hear* this kind of scenery in mean old Richard Wagner's marvelous music.) Ludwig's father restored this castle, muraling the rooms in vivid European-Early Victorian style with representational Teutonic legends—the story of *Lohengrin*, the saga of Charlemagne (Bavaria claims his birth), pictures of the local minnesinger Hiltpold von Schwangau and scenes from the Wittelsbach family's medieval past. The Hall of Heroes celebrates Dietrich von Berne and the Wilkina Saga are there; on the noble feasting table is a crystal and bronze depiction of the Nibelungenlied. No wonder the sensitive little boy who grew up in these rooms, in this romantic mountain aerie, was drawn to the man who turned such legends in music. In happier days, Wagner visited here and so can you. Check first, to learn if the castle is open, with the amiable people at the Schwangau Tourist Office in the town which, castles or no castles, is a summer or winter delight. It's full of small, family-run, non-posh guesthouses and the *gemütlich* (last time I'll use that word) restaurants in a mountain-like area that's as ready for swimmers, sailors and campers as for skiers or those with a yen to take the Kneipp water cure or similar *kurhaus* resuscitation. I acquired a taste for lemon-flavored beer and veal with noodles in the vine-trellised garden of the Gasthof Müller.

From Hohenschwangau you look over a vale and see, as Ludwig in his visionary way, the truly fairy-tale towers and the arcaded balconies of Castle Neuschwanstein, also reachable from Schwangau by car and climbing. He built it on a high outcropping called Tegelberg or Schwanstein, on the ruins of a medieval fortress, intending it to replicate the halls of the medieval knights he so admired. It was a dream of long standing, but the project got off the

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ground only in 1868, after the melancholy loss of Wagner, and the breaking of his engagement to his cousin, Sophie. A splendid wedding coach built, the usual commemorative nuptial medals struck, galas everywhere in the works, Ludwig suddenly called off the wedding in October 1867 and retreated further into his own alpine solitude. Unbiased records do not indicate that he was all that unreasonably queer, but the engineering alone of this castle, high on a rock and magnificently adorned, suggests that Ludwig was incredibly feckless with the gold mark. It may have been his enlightened concept of a public works program in a time of unemployment and political unrest.

Outside, the castle looks a perfect setting for a tale by the Brothers Grimm. Inside, Gothic rooms, dark-paneled, polychromed, ponderously furnished and draped, suggest the gloom of the 19th-century churches, except that the murals, in the representational art of the time, are devoted almost entirely to the same legends as the Wagnerian operas—walls full of the Nibelungenlied, the Tannhauser, Lohengrin, Meistersinger, Parzival, Tristan and Isolde. The place goes suddenly magnificently Byzantine in the throne room, a glory of gold, marble and mosaic. Ludwig envisioned a gold-and-ivory throne here, but that never came to pass. He died before Neuschwanstein was completed, although the castle was 17 years abuilding.

For this tracking down of Ludwigiana, I headquartered in Mittenwald, where the Germans themselves vacation, winter and summer. This flowery old market village of fresco-painted timber houses looks like a set for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It is an absolute hotbed of *spazierengehen,* everyone fitted out in tweed suits, sensible shoes, saucepan felt hats and walking sticks, ready to tackle the mountain paths and wild flower meadows in air so clean it almost hurts to breathe.

Despite hordes of tourists (90% German) and a big ski season, the town is determined to preserve its character and customs—the dirndl, the loden, the lederhosen, the eagle-feathered hat, but the big thing is *schuplattler,* that earnest and energetic leaping, slapping and complicated country dancing that is an exhaustion to watch so what can it be to perform? The Preservation Society, which also keeps its eye on minimizing traffic problems and architectural abuses (no concrete here), gives performances with lots of oom-pah horns, zithers and yodeling. The town is famous for its violins, its violin museum and a liquor bottled in a glass violin. The church of St. Peter and Paul is a beauty of baroque. Poshest place to stay is the Tonihof, on a wildflower plateau circled with mountains, but the town is full of guest houses which put you somewhat into the life of the place. I stayed at the Franziska, owned by Mr. Grothe, director of the town's tourist office. A unique, beautifully restful vacation here would be to stay at the Castle Hotel Elmau, a handsome mansion built by the philosopher Johannes Müller to carry out his belief that togetherness and music and closeness to nature are the clues to happy living.

From Mittenwald it is no great distance to Oberammergau—and a touching experience it is to visit the great Passion Play theater, stand on the open-air stage, mountains all around, see the costumes, touch the tremendous, heavy cross which the Christus must carry. The play, only performed every 10 years, will be played in 1980, tickets slated to go on sale in 1978.

Oberammergau commemorates Ludwig on every Aug. 27 with the burning of a crown, a cross and a huge L on a mountainside, followed by a torchlight parade.

My nomination for the best food I've ever tasted in Germany is the Alois Lang Hotel which has put up every V.I.P. in the world—a beautiful breaded schnitzel, baby cress and tomatoes, and ice cream with hot raspberry sauce.

From the sublime to personal vanity—next stop was nearby Garmisch-Partenkirchen, that queen of winter resorts, but in summer I was attracted to the terrific Beauty Farm Elizabeth, a delightful house in a garden, the Villa Tannenberg, where Frau Elizabeth Bachmann and her crew massage you, facial you, diet you down and do all sorts of cosmetic miracles while you just lie back and enjoy the scenery and fresh air. I popped in for a day—the usual time is three weeks—and what a vacation that would be!

Driving north from Oberammergau, in a lonely meadow backdropped by mountains, you come unexpectedly on Die Wies, the pilgrim church which is a Bavarian shrine. Its exterior staidly follows the line of the mountains, but inside, you're in a glory of in- (*Continued*)

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It was my Ludwig route to Linderhof, the next in the king's palatial and compulsive building projects (planned but never executed were palaces in Byzantine and Chinese style). Here, in this extravaganza of marble, gilt, tapestry and mirror, which was dedicated to Louis XIV, the Sun King, in 1870, Ludwig's increasing *folie de grandeur* becomes evident. Withdrawing more and more from social contact, he seemed to feel an identity with that absolute monarch. All is overpowering, indiscriminate richness and you sense a pathos in it when you see the gorgeously overblown dining room where the solitary man took his meals from a "magic" table—*Tisch-lein-deck-dich*—which ascended fully set from the kitchen below, so that no servants needed to be near him as he ate. For those times when he fancied himself as an Eastern potentate, he had erected on the grounds a Moorish kiosk, a glittering pavilion of metal and glass, with a sumptuous peacock throne where he could smoke a hookah. The landscape is terraced, fountained, grottoed. The eeriest of his places of reverie and a formidable piece of engineering is a subterranean cave, much of it man-made, and a lake lightened from below—designed to suggest the Venusberg in *Tannhauser*. He would sit in this gloom on a shell-shape throne or float on the lake in a shell shape boat, seemingly lost in his own dream world. (My memento of this dank, spooky cave—a heavy cold.)

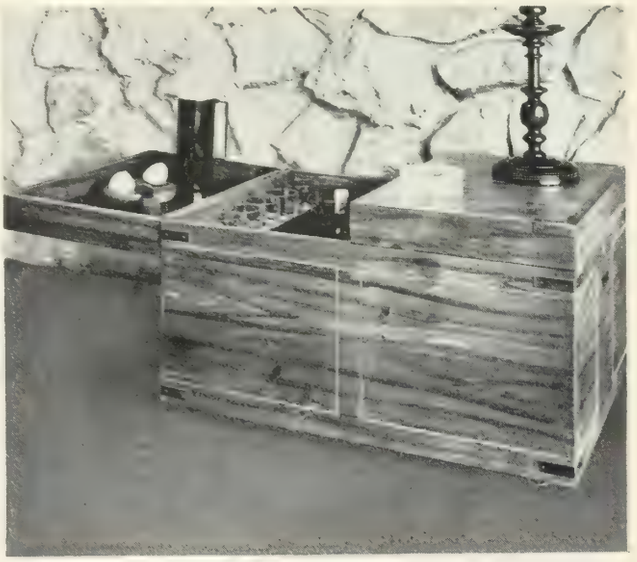
A Versailles on an isle—this is Schloss Herrenchiemsee, which might be construed as the final and irrationally extravagant flight of fantasy of a regal recluse with a yen for the exuberant trappings of power. Except that there's evidence that Ludwig undertook this project in 1878 to save the old cloistered island in the Chiemsee from the depredations of commercial interests. Directing a thousand workmen and artists, he outLouised Louis in an indigestible mélange of ormolu and marble, crystal chandeliers and candelabra—it takes 42,000 candles to light it on special occasions when there are Mozart concerts in the Gallery of Mirrors. Fifty rooms are still unfinished. The marble staircase is overwhelming. But the castle was a hermitage. Ludwig's only known and one-time visitor here was his cousin Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, probably his only woman love. The golden, swan-canopied bed, where the insomniac Ludwig rarely slept, is crowned in plumes. One marble room is a sunken swimming pool. He took his solitary meals from another "magic table." The most prominent of the parterre fountains is a *grotesquèrie*, depicting Latona, the bewitched town where the people turned into frogs.

You reach Herrenchiemsee by boat from Priem, a lake resort on the Chiemsee, where you can indulge in the Kniepp water cure in spic-and-span clinics, sail, water-sport the summer away, and take ferries to the lake islands. A night-time lake excursion can be fun, with raspberry juice in your beer and a rollicking set of vacationers dancing their soles off. A train from Munich delivers you right to the boat.

I stayed comfortably at the Wagner Hotel (what else?), new, efficient, nothing cuckoo clock, but you can find that atmosphere, too, without looking too far. Herr Donauer, the young, attractive local tourist director can help you decide where and how to go. Don't miss Frauen Iseln, a rose and honeysuckle island, green-lawned to the lake's edge. It's home to fishermen, craftsmen (see the 300-year-old pottery kiln of Georg Kampfleuthner) and a Benedictine nunnery and school where they make a liquor and are celebrated for their summertime plum cake. The boat-minded, sun-minded German families love the place and its unpolluted waters (no motors allowed), and there are sailing schools to teach the young the ropes. It's all a far cry from that magnificence across the lake and the disturbing conjecture that Ludwig and his history provoke. A friend, speaking to the proprietress of a Bavarian inn, referred to the king as Mad Ludwig. "You mean *unhappy* Ludwig," said his hostess.

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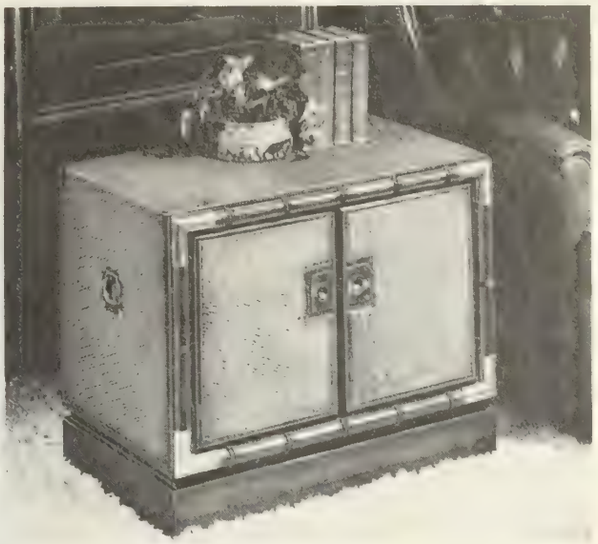


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arms adviser to the Metropolitan Museum. The first of the 1,000 reproductions, which will sell for $925 each, has been presented to the Smithsonian Institution.

Washington himself never fought a duel and he is known to have been opposed to this manner of settling affairs of honor (he smoothed over at least two situations in which the Marquis de Lafayette had presented challenges). But he did accept Turner's gift of the matched flintlock pistols created in 1748 by Richard Wilson and John Hawkins, "Masters of the Worshipful Company of Gunmakers" in London. Now a treasure of the U.S. Army Museum at West Point, the 14-inch pistols have brass barrels and full-length walnut stocks inlaid with silver. The silver work, detailed with a cannon, drums, flags, a unicorn and other figures, is attributed to J.A. Ashley, although his initials have been worn smooth. The society duplicates, made by the Belgian firm of Centaure, are being issued in an edition of 975, at $2,500 a pair. Says Merrill Lindsay, "No finer pair of flintlock pistols have been produced anywhere in the world in more than 100 years."

Planning and producing such a collection has, obviously, meant thousands of hours of work and thousands of miles traveled by Bicentennial Society directors, and especially for Managing Director William W. Morrison, as detailed in the story on page 38. Founded about five years ago by Morrison, the late Dr. H. Lester Cooke, curator of paintings at the National Gallery of Art, and Robert H. Kline (now the group's president), the society is overseen by a lineup of trustees that includes Pulitzer Prize-winner Virginius Dabney (chairman), Author/Commentator Alistair Cooke. Architect R. Buckminister Fuller, Historian Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard University and Actor Gregory Peck, trustee, American Film Institute.

The group was formed, says Morrison, because, "We were interested in seeing something useful and meaningful begin for the Bicentennial. We have emerged as a group of historians and art authorities who could meet together and make decisions on such things as a Bicentennial symphony—who is to be the composer, who will play it, how will it be used?—serving as a private, centralizing force for the celebration."

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alive and well in the young country's capital city.

The plates depicting Alexander Hamilton and John Paul Jones, as painted by John Trumbull and Charles Willson Peale, are also expected to be on sale by Christmas, with the Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall and Thomas Paine, John Hancock and Samuel Adams, George Washington and Nathanael Greene sets being released at intervals between next spring and October, 1976. Made by the Pickard Co., all will have the same 24-carat gold border with 13-star theme as seen on the Henry and Adams plates.

America's first sit-down is honored with the only piece of furniture on this collector's gift list—a replica of the chair shown in the John Trumbull painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. According to the records, Trumbull painted that scene from descriptions and information given him by Thomas Jefferson. It shows, of course, John Hancock, president of the Congress, sitting in the chair as he signs his big, bold signature to the document—singling himself out as the most notorious of all traitors to the British government and as the first declared citizen of the new born United States. In mahogany with hand-brushed velvet upholstery, the reproductions by Kittinger and Biggs are being produced in a numbered edition of 1,500, with each chair priced at $1,300.

From the new nation's first president come what must be considered the most swashbuckling items—copies of George Washington's inaugural dress sword and the matched dueling pistols given him by Thomas Turner in 1778.

Washington's original sword resides today at his headquarters in Morristown, N.J., under the care of James W. Coleman Jr., superintendent of the Morristown National Park. Wilkinson Sword Co. of London has made the replicas—34 inches long, with swirl-patterned silver handle and engraved tempered steel blade—under the supervision of Author Merrill Lindsay, antique

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Two new places

In Colorado, the new name is Tamarron, a resort complex just opened 18 miles from Durango. It sets on 520 acres in a valley amidst the Hermosa Peaks of the Rockies in San Juan National Park. There is an inn, a clubhouse and "cluster" apartments with units ranging from a one-room suite to three bedrooms. Architecturally, they're great—stone walls, fireplaces, wood-beamed ceilings and expanses of glass offering unlimited views.

You can ski at Purgatory, one of Colorado's major ski areas, six miles to the north. Or you can stay at Tamarron and swim or play tennis indoors (or out during the season) or try the 18-hole championship golf course, where Mike Souchak presides as the pro. You can savor local elk and venison or trout served gourmet style in Le Canyon, eat more informally in the rustic San Juan Club. Check box 1.

In Quebec City, the newest attraction is Le Concorde, a Loew's hotel 30 stories high. It's topped off with a revolving restaurant called L'Astral (the first of these novel environments in this area), from which you'll get a new view of Old Quebec, the mighty St. Lawrence and even of the Laurentian mountains. Winter or summer, it's an ideal location, a five-minute walk from the center of town, 20 minutes from the airport and a short distance from the ski areas—Lac Beauport, Stoneham and Mont-Sainte-Anne. The bedrooms are unusually large with panoramic views and individually stocked rolling bars. Besides skiing, shopping and sightseeing, you can swim in the hotel pool the year around. The restaurants and bars bear enticing names (Le Boeuf Charolais, Aux Fines Herbes and serve savory fare. Check box 2.

Holy year

All roads will lead to Rome after Pope Paul VI opens the main door of St. Peter's (sealed since 1950) on Christmas Eve for the Holy Year, a quarter-century event. The sealed doors of the three other Papal Basilicas will also be opened, a custom begun in the Holy Year of 1500 to allow easier entrance for the many pilgrims and symbolically easier access to divine mercy. This Holy Year's theme is "Reconciliation and Renewal." Daily and seasonal events in the Basilicas and Vatican City will emphasize this ecumenical theme.

Alitalia, Italy's airline, the official carrier for the Holy Year, has organized tours, ranging from nine to 15 days, in cooperation with American Airlines. The nine-day tour departs weekly from Dec. 20 and continues through 1975. It includes hotel accommodations, continental breakfast (plus lunch or dinner during high season), sightseeing trips concentrating on the Basilicas and round-trip transfers to the Vatican or other places where liturgical ceremonies are taking place. Your time is mostly your own to take part in the "pilgrimage" and to enjoy Rome. Depending on time of the year, the land portion of this tour can be as low as $99.

Two 15-day tours include Northern Italy (Florence, Venice and Milan) and either begin or end in Rome. Since the Holy Land—Jerusalem, Tiberias—is an integral part of the history of Christianity, two tours have been designed in the footsteps of St. Peter, one 11 days, the other 15 days. Check box 3.

If you're travelling to Rome independently, think about staying at the Mediterraneo or Massimo d'Azeglio, Bettoja hotels. They are conveniently located on the Via Cavour near the airline terminal and railroad station. St. Mary Major, one of the four Basilicas, is a few blocks away and you can walk to the Via Veneto and the Colosseum. Altogether, there are five Bettoja hotels within a block of one another, directed by Angelo Bettoia in the fifth generation of his family's ownership—which makes the service great.

The deluxe Mediterraneo has quiet, spacious rooms. The fine "21" restaurant is in this hotel. Across the street, the Massimo d'Azeglio is a very comfortable first-class hotel, recently refurbished, and also has a terrific restaurant. The Atlantico and San Giorgio are also first-class hotels and the Nord is rated standard. Check box 4.

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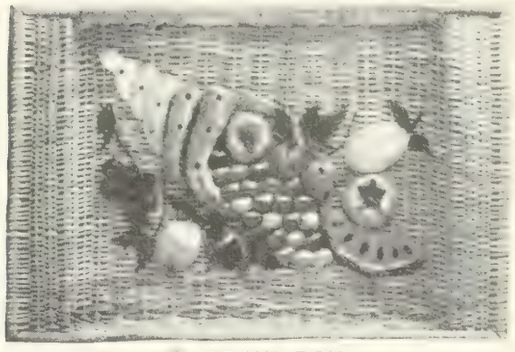
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If that's too early in the year or a little long, a 39-day cruise to the Mediterranean and the Holy Land leaves April 7 from Port Everglades, April 11 from New York. The ship calls at 14 ports from Portugal to Israel, including a stop at Alexandria for a trip to Cairo. This cruise is from $2,260 to $10,220 per person. Check box 5.

Virginia loves you

Some people think there are places in Virginia more beautiful in winter—Williamsburg, for example, when the charming houses, gardens and streets might be mantled in snow, fireplaces gleaming with blazing logs, concerts by candlelight in the Governor's Mansion. Or, skiing and iceskating at The Homestead in Hot Springs. Though the stately houses are open all year, many people feel they're less crowded in winter months.

To help you plan a trip to Virginia—at any time of the year—the 36-page, beautifully illustrated booklet "Virginia" gives you enticing glimpses into every section of Virginia with maps and temperature information and a Calendar of Events to tell you everything going on each month. Check box 6.

Bahama tennis

Princessland consists of three hotels on Grand Bahama Island—the Bahamas Princess Hotel, the Golf, Beach and Tennis Club (formerly known as the King's Inn and the International Hotel), and the Xanadu Princess. The first two of these are across the way from one another, one adjacent to the two championship 18-hole golf courses, the other next to the casino and the fascinating International Bazaar. Both have large lovely swimming pools and shuttle service to their beach. There's a yacht marina at Xanadu for boating and fishing enthusiasts.

From now on, though, it's going to be tennis with a capital T at all three. Each hotel has at least four excellent courts lit for night play, and plans are underway to expand to 20 courts plus a tennis center. (Jimmy Connors is their touring pro.) The first Bahamas International Open Tennis Championship will take place Jan. 12-19 to mark the opening of the Independent Players Association Winter Circuit and will carry a $50,000 purse. (Of course, Jimmy Connors will play.) A pro-celebrity tourney will also be held during this week. Tennis anyone? Check box 7 for details.

Ski the West

The 96-page booklet bearing this title really covers the ski resorts in Colorado, Idaho, Utah, California and Nevada, even Wyoming and New Mexico. It was compiled by United Airlines, which can fly you to or near the places mentioned. Each area covered, such as Aspen, Copper Mountain, Sun Valley, Taos, Alta, is explained in photographs and a map of the ski village and the trails.

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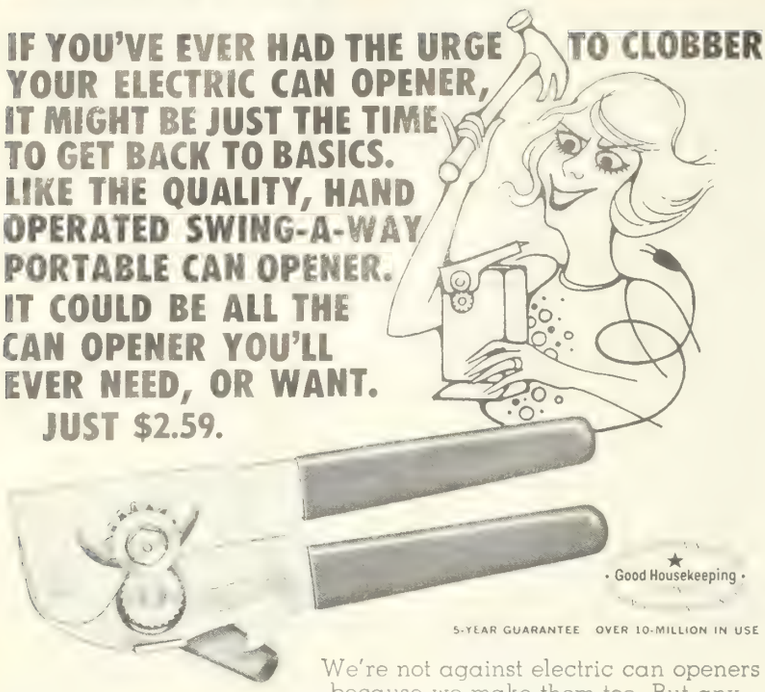
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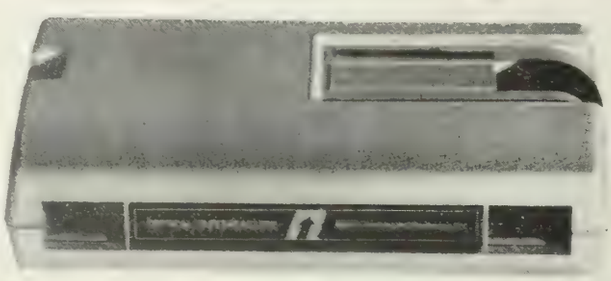


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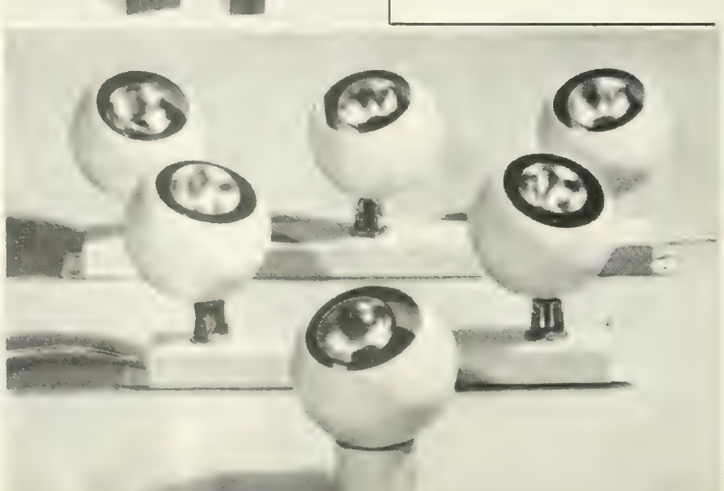
This weathervane (right) will appeal to any man who's ever owned a hunting dog. In metal with a reddish-brown matte finish, it stands on a wooden base, or it can be mounted above a mantel or credenza. $200; Sarreid Ltd.







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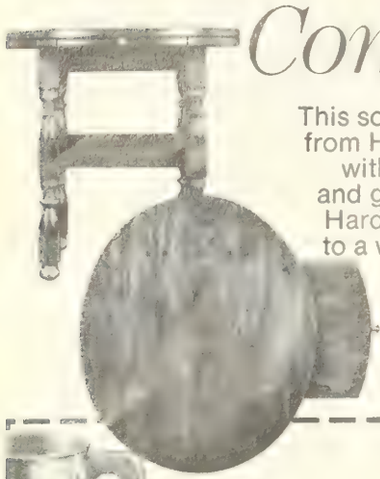
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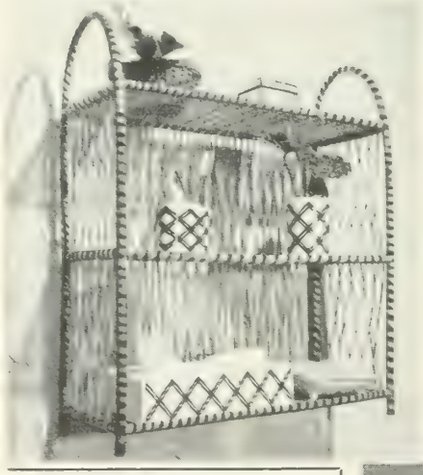
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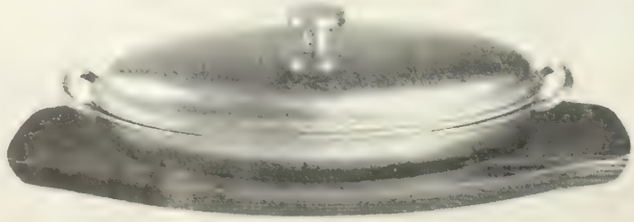




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What is tequila?

The national drink of Mexico, which is enjoying increasing popularity in the United States. Tequila is made from the *agave* or the fruit of the *mescal* plant and the heart is the only part of the *agave* that is used. The juice of the *agave* is extracted, then fermented, then distilled. White tequila or silver tequila is shipped in barrels to this country immediately after distillation, then bottled in the U.S. However, gold tequila is stored in barrels for a year or more and then shipped to the United States for bottling. Sunrise, the new, popular tequila drink is made like this: To 1½ ounces of tequila, add 1 teaspoon grenadine, juice of ½ fresh lime or orange and sparkling water. Garnish with a cherry. The next most popular drink is the Margarita. To make, combine 1½ ounces of tequila with ½ ounce triple sec, 1 ounce fresh lime or lemon juice. Shake with shaved ice and strain into a chilled glass that has had the rim moistened and dipped in salt.

What is pomelo?

The horticultural name for grapefruit. The name grapefruit, we're told, came about because most grapefruit grow in clusters similar to grapes. No one, apparently, knows who first coined the name but *The Oxford English Dictionary* credits it as "American." Interestingly, grapefruit has also been called "Adam's Apple," "Forbidden Fruit" and Shaddock by various cultures.

How are canned tomatoes available currently?

More ways than you would believe. Sliced baby tomatoes, in 14½-ounce cans and wedges in 16-ounce cans, suggested for salads, sandwiches, garnishes, as an addition to main courses; whole, peeled, in 7½-, 14½-, 16-, 19- and 27-ounce cans, ready to heat, season and serve as a vegetable, to chill and use in salads or to add to cooked dishes; Italian-style peeled tomatoes in 14- and 28-ounce cans, a firm tomato that is especially good in sauces that are cooked down to a thick consistency; plump whole tomatoes in a rich thick tomato purée in 16-ounce cans, to use in soups and sauces, combine with other vegetables or become an ingredient in entrées; tomato sauce, plain, with cheese, with chopped mushrooms, with chopped onions in eight-ounce cans, with tomato pieces in 15-ounce cans, served heated as a sauce for meat, fish or poultry or used as an ingredient; sandwich sauce, plain, barbecue-style, herb, special, in 15-ounce cans, to add to cooked ground beef or leftover cooked meat and poultry for sandwiches or serve separately as a sauce. The familiar products are still around.

Are there any booklets on cooking with soybeans?

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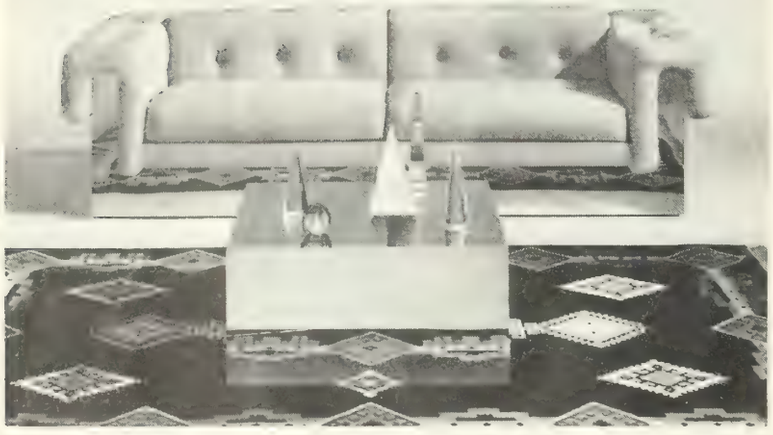
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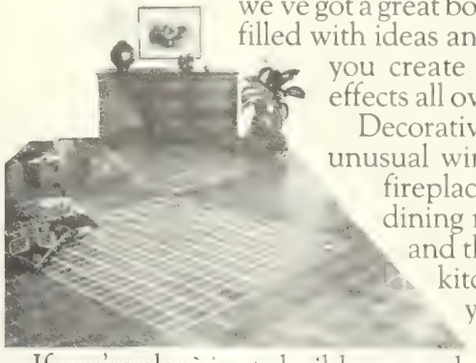
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Cookbooks 1974

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By HELEN McCULLY □ **Gastronomie Pratique**, by Ali-Bab, a book that has delighted French cooks for generations, has now, for the first time, been translated into English under the title **Encyclopedia of Practical Gastronomy** (McGraw-Hill, $14.95). It was written in 1907 by Henri Babinski, a mining engineer (not a chef), and keen observer with an excellent palate and delightful sense of humor.

Although there seems to be no explanation for his having used a pseudonym, it is quite clear in the introduction to the book that his friends had nicknamed him Ali-Bab. Craig Claiborne considers its publication almost as important as the English version of **Larousse Gastronomique** published in 1961. Elizabeth Benson, an extremely knowledgeable and talented cook fluent in French who now has a cooking school of her own in Essex, Conn., has translated both the text and the recipes. It's a splendid book that belongs in the library of every home that thinks and eats in French gastronomic terms.

Secrets of the Great French Restaurants by Louisette Bertholle (Macmillan, $10) are all recipes from the starred restaurants of France—all of the three-star restaurants, almost all of the two-stars and a great many one-stars, which in the **Guide Michelin** means, in this order: "worth a special journey;" "excellent cuisine" and "good in its class." Mme. Bertholle co-authored **Mastering the Art of French Cooking**, wrote **250 Recettes de Sologne** and, with Julia Child, directed a cooking school in Paris. Although many of the recipes are expensive and some formidable —certainly for an inexperienced cook—it is a book that any enthusiastic cook should learn from and enjoy.

The Definitive Guide to Eating and Drinking in France Today by Pamela Vandyke Price (Scribner's, $7.95) is a fascinating book. Miss Price, wine correspondent of *The Times* of London and gastronomic correspondent of the *Spectator*, has packed an incredible amount of information into the book's 300-odd pages. It's extremely useful and very entertaining. Every France-bound traveler should take it along.

Robert Courtine, known for his column, "Pleasures of the Table," in *Le Monde*, has written **The Hundred Glories of French Cooking** (Farrar Straus Giroux, $15). A marvelous storyteller, Courtine is highly opinionated, even cantankerous—still, always entertaining.

René Verdon's French Cooking for the American Table with Carl Lyren (Doubleday, $14.95) is an exhaustive study of French cooking in terms of American foods by the one-time White House chef. Although we don't agree with Verdon that all American food is great (we wonder if he has seen the ads for hard-ripe tomatoes), this country is, nevertheless, singularly blessed—food-wise.

Four very familiar names authored books this year—James Beard, Ann Seranne, Julie Dannenbaum and Nika Hazelton. **Beard on Food** (Knopf, $10) is, indeed, a feast of gastronomic inspirations. With his fantastic memory, Beard carries you from the parlor to the kitchen and back, tucking in all kinds of cooking ideas, lovely recipes and bits and pieces about friends. The handsome jacket is a reproduction of a portrait of Beard by his old friend, the well-known Painter Antoinette Schulte. **Good Food with a Blender** by Ann Seranne (William Morrow & Co., $9.95) comes from the kitchen of America's No. 1 expert on blender cookery, the woman who originated blender mayonnaise and hollandaise, a revolutionary innovation. In her new book, Miss Seranne expands blender cooking to the ultimate.

Julie Dannenbaum, the accomplished director of her own Creative Cooking School in Philadelphia, has given us **Menus for All Occasions** (Saturday Review Press, $9.95, distributed by E.P. Dutton). A dedicated cook who refreshes her taste buds every year in Europe's great restaurants, she has produced an extremely interesting book with original ideas for everything from a simple picnic to the most elegant dinner party. **I Cook As I Please** by Nika Hazelton (Grosset & Dunlap, $10) is described by our friend Bill Rice, food editor of *The Washington Post*, as "One of those rare creations, a cookery book for bedside reading that contains recipes worth recreating." *D'Accord.*

A unique book, **The Great Cooks Cookbook** (Doubleday, $12.50) is a compilation of recipes by some of this country's most distinguished food and wine names, in alphabetical order: James Beard (*Continued*)

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Chinese cooking is represented by five books this year: **The Mandarin Way** by Cecilia Sun Yun Chiang (Atlantic-Little Brown, $10), whose restaurant, The Mandarin in Ghiradelli Square, is considered one of the finest Chinese restaurants in San Francisco; **Cooking Hunan-style**, **The Regional Cuisine of China**, by Louis Stallard (Drake, $7.9[illegible] the currently fashionable and spicy cooking of Hunan province in southeast centra[illegible] **Madame Wu's Art of Chi[illegible] Cooking** by Sylvia Wu (C[illegible] Publishing, $10), another restaurateur, whose restaurant in Los Angeles is not only renowned for its cuisine but for its beautiful décor, accented by displays of Chinese art objects from the Wu family collection; **Oriental Barbecues** (MacMillan, $6.95), by that teacher and superb cook, Anna May Trent, author of **Eighty Precious Chinese Recipes**, is not exclusively Chinese since it covers Mongolia, Korea, Japan, Indonesia and Vietnam; and finally, **The Classic of Tea** by Lu Yu (Little, Brown and Co., $8.50), written more than 1,000 years ago as **CH'A Ching** and translated by Francis Ross Carpenter, a fascinating glimpse into a culture of such fastidious grace that it seems more removed from ours than any future shock society.

Alina Zeranska's **Continental Entertaining for the Young and Busy** (McKay, $7.95) is interesting but we wish the author had been more explicit in some instances. For example, and we quote, "Once you have learned to use filo . . . ." The key word is "learned" and she goes no further. A novice needs a lot more help. You can believe it.

The Art of Indian Cuisine by Pranati Sen Gupta (Hawthorn, $10) covers simple, everyday, [illegible]ant and vegetarian dinners. [illegible]or, well known in Cana[illegible]shes Indian cooking and [illegible] for the Ottawa Board of Education. In **What's Cooking in Portugal** by Saul Kreig (MacMillan, $7.95), the author discusses the more authentic regional dishes, local wines and presents what seems to be a representative collection of Portuguese recipes.

The Complete Book of Indonesian Cooking by Antoinette DeWit and Anita Borghese (Bobbs-Merrill, $7.95) opens with a fascinating "peek at Indonesian food." Rice is the basic food and a menu might include rice in one form or another (yellow, spiced, fried, pungent, coconut, festive, etc.) with other dishes such as *Babi Kecap* (Pork with Kecap Sauce, a type of soy), *Sambal Buncis* (green beans with crushed chili paste), *Sayur Menir* (a souplike dish with vegetables and shrimp). After delving into **Couscous and Other Good Food from Morocco** by Paula Wolfert (Harper & Row, $10.95), this writer swore that once the shad season rolled around again, she would make **Hut Benoua** (Fish Baked with Almond Paste). It sounds unbelievable. We understand Restaurant Critic Gael Greene couldn't stop eating it.

Flavors of Hungary, Recipes and Memoirs, by Charlotte Slovak Biro (101 Productions, $3.95 paper, $7.95 cloth) was compiled from her notebooks of family recipes along with remembrances of her life in and near Budapest during and after World War II. **English Country House Cooking** is "a family cookery book" by Fortune Stanley (Universe Books, $5.95), whose mother's cook started teaching her when she was nine and gave her Saulnier's **Le Repertoire de la Cuisine** for a wedding present. Nevertheless, these are English recipes collected from many happy sources over the years.

The Best of Jewish Cooking, edited by Phyllis Frucht, Joy Rotschild and Gertrude Katz with the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Beth Israel (The Dial Press, $10), includes recipes for all the holidays, other traditional dishes, Jewish dishes from the American table and a selection of international recipes. **A Russian Jew Cooks in Peru** by Violeta Autumn (101 Productions, $3.95, $7.95 cloth) is brightened by the author's light-hearted enthusiasm for blending the flavors of the old world and the new. Illustrated by the author.

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Another attractive book from 101 Productions is **The Edible Ornamental Garden** by John E. Bryan and Coralie Castle ($3.95 paper; $7.95 cloth). Make a note of that word ornamental. One recipe call for 1½ cups rich Douglas fir beef stock; there's a Birch Shoot Salad and, listen to this, Oysters with Strawberries. Sounds like a put on, doesn't it? Still, there are many provocative, amusing and to-be-cooked recipes.

The six regional books on the 1974 list include two by the Junior League. One is **New York Entertains** (Doubleday, $10), a thoroughly professional book and a very good taste of New York—in mood and food. The other is **Fiesta,** a compilation of recipes from south Texas by Corpus Christi Junior League members, charmingly illustrated by a member. To buy **Fiesta**, write Junior League of Corpus Christi Inc., P.O. Box 837, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403. Send check or money order for $5.95 plus 50 cents handling fee for each book. Texans add 30 cents sales tax per book.

From an Abode Oven (published by Pueblo Service League, $4.95), another cookbook created to further good works, impresses us as a nice collection of contributed recipes. To buy **From an Abode Oven**, write to Pueblo Service League, P.O. Box 3094, Pueblo, Colo. 81005. Send check or money order plus 50 cents handling charge for each book. Colorado residents should add 30 cents per copy sales tax. **Cotton Country Cooking** (Decatur Junior Service League Inc. $7.40), still another book published in the interests of a community, is as Southern as the whole state of Alabama. To buy **Cotton Country Cooking**, write to The Decatur Junior Service League Inc., P.O. Box 486, Decatur, Ala. 35601. Send check or money order. Alabama residents add 30 cents sales tax per copy.

Everyone ORT to Cook (Bevron Publishing Co., $5.50 including postage), compiled by the Gracie Square Chapter of Woman's American ORT, is a homespun collection of thoroughly tested recipes, that starts with appetizers and drinks and ends with desserts. In addition, there's a special holiday section. To order, send check or money order, payable to Woman's American ORT, Care of Eileen Stein, 1385 York Ave., New York City 10021.

The outgrowth of Groff's Farm Restaurant, which guests say is an experience, not just good eating, **Good Earth & Country Cooking** by Betty Groff and José Wilson (Stackpole Books, $8.95) gives you recipes for the best of authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, with stories about Betty Groff's family, Mennonite customs and traditions. Well illustrated.

The High Maples Farm Cookbook by Edna Smith Berquist (Collier Books, $4.95) is more than a cookbook. It's a delightful, nostalgic story of life on a New England farm in the good old days, plus a collection of traditional recipes. The recipes in **Jane Nickerson's Florida Cookbook** (University of Florida Press, $5.95) by the long-time food news editor of *The New York Times*, now food columnist and food editor of the Florida newspapers owned by the Times, follow the culinary traditions from Key West to Pensacola, reflecting the backgrounds of the settlers over the past century.

Simple French Food by Richard Olney (Atheneum, $10) is exactly what the title indicates and it is excellent. An extremely knowledgeable cook, American-born Olney writes with authority and informality (*Continued*)





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(This is the first of two reports. "Cookbooks 1974" will continue in the December issue.) ■

And for wine reading . . .

It was, happily, not a year of picture-pretty wine books for the coffee table, but rather a solid showing of informative texts that belong within arm's reach of everyone who enjoys exploring the world of wines.

And that is the title of one of the most outstanding updatings—the soft-cover revised edition of Creighton Churchill's classic, **The World of Wines** (Collier Books, $1.95). Discussing the possible potential of the microclimates being explored in Oregon and Washington, pointing out the sad and the sound in the new German wine laws, reiterating the differences between estate-bottled Burgundies and château-bottled Bordeaux, Churchill's text is always companionable and commonsensible. And always, it is clearly expressive of his personal view that "Wine is primarily for enjoyment, only secondarily for show: Just because one does not have the perfect glassware and the know-how of a connoisseur is no reason for not serving it." We heartily agree.

There have been other wine books written by women, but Eunice Fried's **What Every Woman Should Know About Wine** (Doubleday, $5.95) is sure to set the standard for all to follow. Ms. Fried writes eloquently and authoritatively on all the fundamentals of buying, tasting and serving wine. Then she looks her chosen audience squarely in the eye and carries them a step further on their own terms—discussing the host-less dinner party, which wine accessories generally better fit a woman's hands, how women can learn about wine in a society where they're still frowned upon by many of the major wine organizations.

Philip Dallas took on a formidable task when he decided to write a comprehensive guide to **The Great Wines of Italy** (Doubleday, $7.95). Fortunately for all of us, the result is a job well done. Though long on financial dealings and details, it is also readably long on tall tales—and the chapter on vintages and availability is alone worth the price of the book to anyone interested in these wines.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the Dover paperback reprint of Charles G. Bode's 1956 **The Wines of Italy** ($1.50). Though charmingly presented, it has to be considered—in the more wine-knowledgeable America of 1974—only a pleasant chat with an English writer about his travels in Italy some years ago, falling short of a complete picture.

Two books specifically for wine beginners are **Wines and the Art of Tasting** by Jack Durac (E.P. Dutton & Co., $8.95 hardcover, $3.95 paperback) and **Focus on . . . Practical Wine Knowledge** by Bruce H. Axler (by mail: $3.25 plus 50 cents postage and handling, from ITT Educational Publishing, 4300 West 62nd St., P.O. Box 558 B, Indianapolis 46206).

Durac is a pseudonym for a London research scientist who has woven a wealth of information into his guidelines for 71 formal tastings—plus a few unnumbered humorous suggestions, like an "animal wines" tasting of Schwartz Katz, Tiger's Milk, etc. Bruce Axler's book is a quickie course anyone can easily follow in his early wine steps, though we find the otherwise admirable advice marred by his prejudice that the U.S. is to be thought merely a source of "ordinary wine" and the only ones to take seriously are those from France, Germany and Italy.

William Edman Massee has appeared on the scene again—and his **An Insider's Guide to Low-Priced Wines** (a Dolphin paperback, $2.95), listing more than 1,000 wines costing less than $5 a bottle, is a guide almost anyone can put to great use. (Our suggestion: For a complete story on low-priced wines, use both Massee's book and **Alexis Bespaloff's Guide to Inexpensive Wines,** published by Simon and Schuster last year. Rather than competing, they complement each other.)

And to round out that wine reading shelf, add two more updated texts: **Massee's Guide to Wines of America** (a Saturday Review Press paperback, E.P. Dutton & Co., $3.95), a new, expanded edition of the book Bill Massee published in 1970 under the title **McCall's Guide to Wines of America,** and Frank Schoonmaker's **Encyclopedia of Wine** (Hastings House Inc., $9.95) with many new names and terms added to the original 19 listings, by a man considered the world over one of America's greatest gifts to the world of wines—L.B.D. ■



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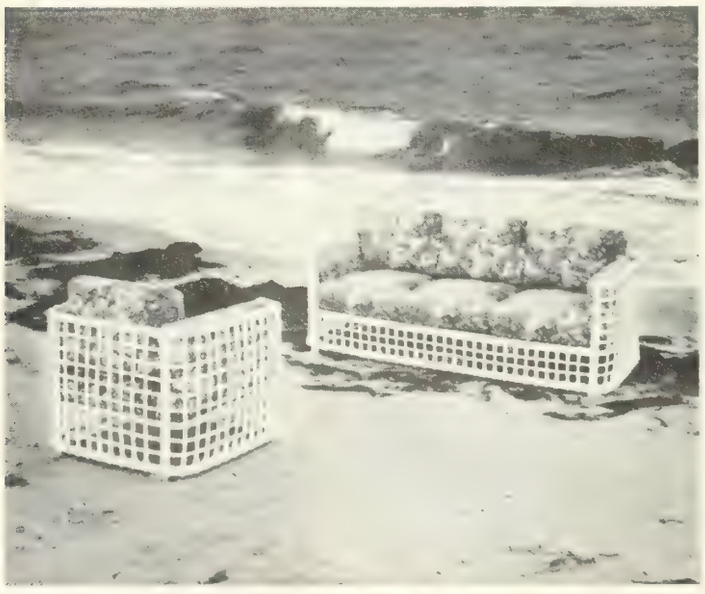
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Wine shopping

—how to go through the bottles and bins

By PAUL J. SCHMITT □ Hopeful that the wine boom will continue to blossom to maturity in this country, retailers everywhere are expanding wine operations. New wine shops are being opened; and existing spirits stores are increasing the size of their wine bins and the types of wine in their stock; supermarkets (where legally allowable) are giving almost as many shelves to vino as to soups.

All of this can make your wine buying a dynamic learning experience or an exercise in frustration. If you do your wine selecting in a supermarket or other self-service store, you are on your own. And with the growing number of wines available, not even the most serious wine merchant can keep up.

But there are ways you can cut down on your wine buying trials. Consider these ideas:

1. Go to the top. With apologies to all those clerks who are knowledgable and concerned about individual customers, we say to try to deal with the proprietor or manager of the wine shop, at least in the beginning. This is the person who probably has done most of the tasting and buying of the wines in stock and the one most likely to be able to point out the best values. As you get acquainted with a shop's staff, you'll find a kindred spirit to help you.

2. Shop around. You may find the same wine priced differently in different shops. While there may be solid economic reasons behind this—for example, the point in time at which the retailer purchased the wine—don't hesitate to tell the manager when a competitor has the same wine at a lower price. If your dealer wants to be competitive, he may lower the price.

While you are shopping around, note the prices of any wines you're interested in. It's difficult enough to remember the names of all the wines and shippers you might be considering without also having to rely on memory for prices. And be prepared for someone to come running if your note-taking makes the merchant think he might be being audited.

We would caution, though, that you should compare prices only within the same city. Differing state laws and tax situations, transportation and other charges can mean that prices in your area will be considerably higher or lower than in another.

Nor can we discuss wine prices without mentioning recent developments. The past few years have brought plentiful harvests in much of Europe, and at the same time American vintners have been planting vast amounts of new acreage in wine grapes. But while supply has been good, wine-making costs have also been on the upswing. Wine prices are coming down from the stratosphere, but those in the wine business warn that fine wines will never again go down to the price ranges of the 1960s. And a poor vintage year could reverse the situation again. If you are waiting to buy a particular wine in hopes its price will come down a few dollars more, someone else could have his eye on it, too. You must weigh all these factors when deciding if a particular wine is worth the price.

3. Compare storage conditions. Some shops are plain; some shops are fancy. It makes no difference to the wine whether the ambience is one of red carpets and atmospheric wine barrels or plain floors and wooden bins—but it does matter how the wines are stored and the shop physically maintained.

Modern bottlings with screw-on caps need not be stored lying down, but fine wines should always be kept on their sides (or at a slant) so the cork stays moist and no air seeps in.

Note also the temperature of the shop and where the wine shelves are located. If the shop is freezing cold by day but all the air-conditioning turned off at night, if the wines are placed so that the hot sun is streaming in on them or a bright light is glaring directly down on them, then the wines may be affected.

4. Buy half-bottles for comparison. The best way to learn about wine is to drink it. Wine ages more quickly in half-bottles than in full-sized bottles and this technique may increase your price per ounce slightly, but buying half-bottles from two different years, two different shippers or two different vineyards is still a less expensive way of comparing wines of the same type than with large bottles.

5. Plan your shopping time carefully. If you know that Friday evening or Saturday morning brings crowds three deep at your favorite store, there's not much chance that anyone will have time then for a friendly, informative chat on the subtleties of wine. Try on Tuesday or Wednesday when there is probably less traffic and you can browse, (*Continued on page 71*)



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PLAYING PIANO: MAKE IT FUN

They seldom realize it at the time, but parents' attitudes often affect a child's interest or unhappiness in learning to play the piano.

Dr. Robert Pace, head of piano instruction at Columbia University's Teachers College and educational director of the National Piano Foundation, says, "The main question of piano instruction, as it applies to youngsters, is often psychological. Whether a child succeeds or fails in learning to play piano has a lot to do with parent-child relationships—and maybe even more than it does with the child's own interest in music. And parents' attitudes can do more to thwart the enthusiasm than almost any other factor."

Pace advises that you do not worry about whether or not your child is talented musically. Almost every child can learn to play a musical instrument for some personal enjoyment, if he learns the fundamentals of music from the outset.

Consider what music can do for your child's development and emotional stability. Dr. Pace notes, "The late Dr. Haim Ginott says in his book *Between Parent and Child,* 'The main purpose of music education in childhood is to provide an effective outlet for feelings. A child's life is so full of restrictions, regulations and frustrations that media of release become essential. Music is one of the best. It gives sound to fury, shape to joy, relief to tension.' " We all need music.

Remember, there is no right age to begin lessons—just as there's no single right age to walk or talk. Even though the child next door may play piano at age six, this doesn't mean your child is necessarily ready —or even willing—to start.

Dr. Pace suggests that parents keep in mind the physical development and coordination of their child as an indication of readiness to learn music. If a child has finger dexterity and coordination that are normal for his age, recognizes primary colors and is able to read, chances are he's ready for piano lessons.

To find a good teacher in your community, don't be bashful about asking friends, the coordinator of music education in your elementary schools or a music dealer whose judgment you feel you can trust.

Dr. Pace suggests that any teacher working with young people should be capable of teaching them a balanced program that includes the rudiments of music, harmony, ear training, sight reading, transposition, improvisation, analysis and of repertoire and basic technique.

Dr. Pace is a strong proponent of group piano instruction, rather than private one-at-a-time lessons. He says, "If I were looking for a teacher for one of my children, I'd try to find someone who—even if he or she were not an avowed group piano instruction disciple—had the flexibility and common sense to put kids together in small groups so they could learn through peer interaction."

Research shows that children taught through group instruction make more rapid progress than do private-lesson students, since they grasp the basic elements more quickly.

In the experience of Dr. Pace, adults have to realize that children learn more from one another than they do from us. They are more accepting of ideas and criticism from each other than from older persons.

While group piano instruction has been successful with many youngsters (as well as adults), there still are many who do not react to peer interaction, but instead learn more effectively through private lessons, and Dr. Pace encourages them to continue to do so.

Talk with the teacher prior to the child's beginning lessons and find out how receptive he/she is to parent interest. Many teachers today not only provide an orientation session for parents, but also communicate regularly about the student's progress. They should also hold informal, low-pressure recitals every six to eight weeks, at which the children perform individually or in ensembles.

During these recitals, the teacher can bring parents up to date on results and current goals, as well as outline what the students will be working on.

The important thing for parents to understand is *how* this person is going to teach—and to support the teacher with the right psychological and physical situation at home.

Don't put the piano in an area that's the center of household activity. The piano, Dr. Pace suggests, should be in an out-of-the-way place that af-

fords some privacy and seclusion and a minimum of distraction from noises, house traffic and general conversation.

Such simple things as adequate lighting and a properly action-regulated piano can encourage a child to practice better. Be sure the area is well lighted so there's no glare on the music, or so the child isn't staring out the window when he should be practicing intently.

Don't assume there's a single magic number when it comes to the amount of necessary practice time. In general, six-, seven- or eight-year-old children will accomplish a great deal with 30 or 40 minutes of over-all practice time per day, cut up into whatever segments fit their schedule. Naturally, as a child progresses, he will need to practice for longer periods of time, but his own interest and proficiency will be enough motivation for him to expand practice willingly and eagerly.

One good way to be sure children practice long enough is for the teacher to provide a lesson assignment sheet for each pupil and to show the pupils how to practice. The sheet makes it easy for the child to check off each assigned item as he comes to it.

Without criticizing your child, you should make sure that he first completes the assigned items to the best of his ability. If there is something in the assignment that he cannot do, quietly remind him to talk with the teacher about that portion of the assignment.

Parents should talk with their child and try to establish fairly definite times for practice when there are the fewest conflicts of interest (like baseball or dance) and intrusions upon the child's concentration and privacy.

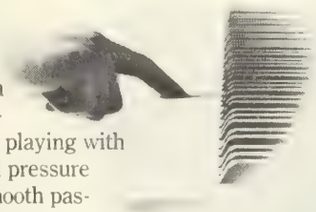
The earlier in the day that a child can practice, the fresher and more attentive he often will be. In fact, a 15-minute practice session before leaving for school can be highly productive. Obviously, practice that occurs immediately after strenuous exercise or play may be self-defeating.

Try not to let sibling rivalry interfere with piano lessons. "In a household where more than one child is taking lessons," Dr. Pace adds, "neither practice time, musical proficiency nor lessons need be a problem.

"While siblings ought not to be enrolled as partners for group lessons, they can—and do—learn a lot from one another at home. Each child should have his own music and mutually agreed upon practice times to avoid disagreements. Encourage children to work together on noncompetitive musical efforts—duets and improvisations."

Avoid arguments with your child over practicing. One advantage of group instruction is that it can remove some of the drudgery of practice. Practice time becomes essential preparation for the next lesson, the same as if the activity were baseball or basketball. Children enjoy the give and take of the group and realize that they must work at home to be able to stay in the next "game." ■

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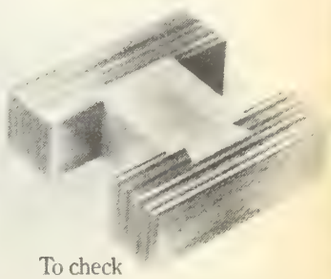
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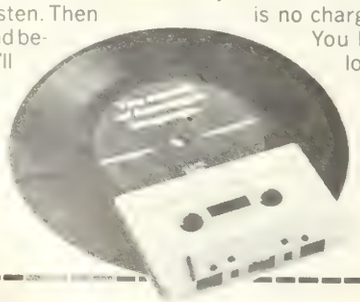


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LIVE MUSIC CAN MAKE IT GRAND

By HAROLD LEWIN □ From Elizabethan England to the elegant Parisian salon of the 19th century, music entertainment at home was a frequent and sometimes grand event, an event you can easily duplicate in your own living room.

If you don't play a musical instrument with some proficiency, the chances are that your music entertainment at home means Hi-Fi listening by yourself or occasionally with some friends in an unplanned situation. But live music can be a marvelous focal point for a get-together with friends.

Whether you live in a large urban center or in the country, chances are that there is at least one university or college with a music department or college-level music conservatory within a reasonable distance. If such schools are active in the area of music performance, they probably have developed services for providing music to the community at modest cost or even free. For instance, they may have a number of chamber music ensembles composed of fine student performers. Generally, in such schools, there are a number of young performers who are preparing solo recitals and who are often eager to try out new programs simply for the experience. Contact these musicians through the chairman of the music department.

Depending on your community, you may find excellent solo or chamber music performers through local orchestral or opera associations. And the local Musicians Union may also be able to make recommendations—but be sure to specify the type of music you want, since the Musicians Union in many communities is primarily involved with commercial music.

An important consideration in planning an evening of live music is whether or not you have a piano. Unless you have a grand piano, preferably an instrument larger than a baby grand, in very good condition, you should not plan to have an evening of music featuring the piano. By "very good condition," I mean an instrument with a responsive action and fine tone in all registers.

Should you plan a recital for voice or a solo instrument with piano accompaniment, the quality of the piano should be as good as an instrument on which a solo recital would be given. If you have any doubts, consult with the performers.

If you do not own a piano, see if local dealers offer piano rentals for an evening.

An area of, say, 15 by 30 feet can comfortably hold a good-sized grand piano and half a dozen rows of folding chairs, five or six deep, plus space for such combinations as piano and soloist, trio or perhaps a larger combination.

If supplying a piano for the event seems too problematic, don't despair. A variety of combinations of chamber music are available that do not utilize piano—such as string quartet or trio, or wind ensembles. The most popular types of combinations are string quartet (two violins, viola, 'cello), piano trio (piano, violin, 'cello) and woodwind quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, french horn, bassoon). A large repertoire exists for these combinations and most active college music departments have such ensembles in existence.

Having arranged for a chamber music group to perform, plan your seating—before sending out invitations. Generally, a program will be in the area of ¾ to 1½ hours in length. The longer the program, the more consideration will have to be given to comfortable seating. If the program is informal, relax. For serious listening, consider renting chairs if you do not have enough seats.

For this festive occasion, you will undoubtedly want to serve refreshments at some point. A successful concert involves a special kind of contact between the performer and listener. To help create an atmosphere in which there is a continuity throughout the program and a rapport between the musicians and the audience, it is advisable not to serve refreshments until the program is over.

For the same reason, invitations should indicate the entertainment planned and tell exactly when the music will begin. The entrance of a latecomer can be as distracting as the clink of ice in a glass.

If your evening of music has been well-planned, you'll then find everyone in a relaxed, festive frame of mind for your après concert repast—be it as simple as wine and cheese or coffee and cake or as sumptuous as a buffet banquet. ■

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THE BANJO'S BACK IN TOWN

By PAULA O'NEIL □ Banjos are back and booming. The instrument that once thrilled an entire nation in the 1800s and early 1920s is making a new sound in the air—a sound many have never heard before.

Maybe Charlie Brown's sidekick, Linus, has the right idea: "When a baby is born into this cold world," says he, "he needs something to cheer him up. He should be issued a banjo."

Ever since the best-selling Country/Western "Duelin' Banjos" themed the movie *Deliverance*, everybody's playing one. ***And why not?*** After all, banjos are as American as apple pie and the cracked Liberty Bell. Once considered the aristocrat of all string instruments (putting ukuleles, mandolins and guitars to shame), it is America's only native instrument—it means to us what the guitar is to Spain.

In 1948, after the banjo had supposedly been dead since 1929, Bandleader Art Mooney recorded a banjo arrangement of the 1927 hit *"I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover,"* which was promptly snatched up by Senator Robert A. Taft for his presidential campaign theme song. It sold a million and a half copies in eight months. Mooney's next hit, *Baby Face*, with a brisk banjo solo by wizard Mike Pingitore, topped the million mark in six months. But it was the Ames Brothers, in 1954, who put the banjo over the top with three smash hits: *Man with a Banjo, Hey, Mr. Banjo* and *Banjo's Back in Town.*

And the pop-youth following of the top pro of the plectrum Bluegrass style, Earl Scruggs, took it up in 1959, when he appeared at the first Newport Folk Festival with Joan Baez, Pete Seeger and others.

Back in 1800, the four-string banjo was quite popular, then minstrel man Joe Sweeney, from Virginia, came up with a long-necked, five-string banjo.

But when ragtime and Dixieland jazz became the rage, the five-string was quickly abandoned in favor of a shorter, heavier, four-string, needed to compete "with the loud brass instruments." Like so many things, though, times changed along with the musical mood of the people. The big band sound came in with its cheek-to-cheek dancing and suddenly the banjo seemed too loud and boisterous. Almost overnight, people fell in love with the guitar and its sweet, mellow sound. It nudged the banjo right out of existence. By 1929 the banjo was thought to be dead.

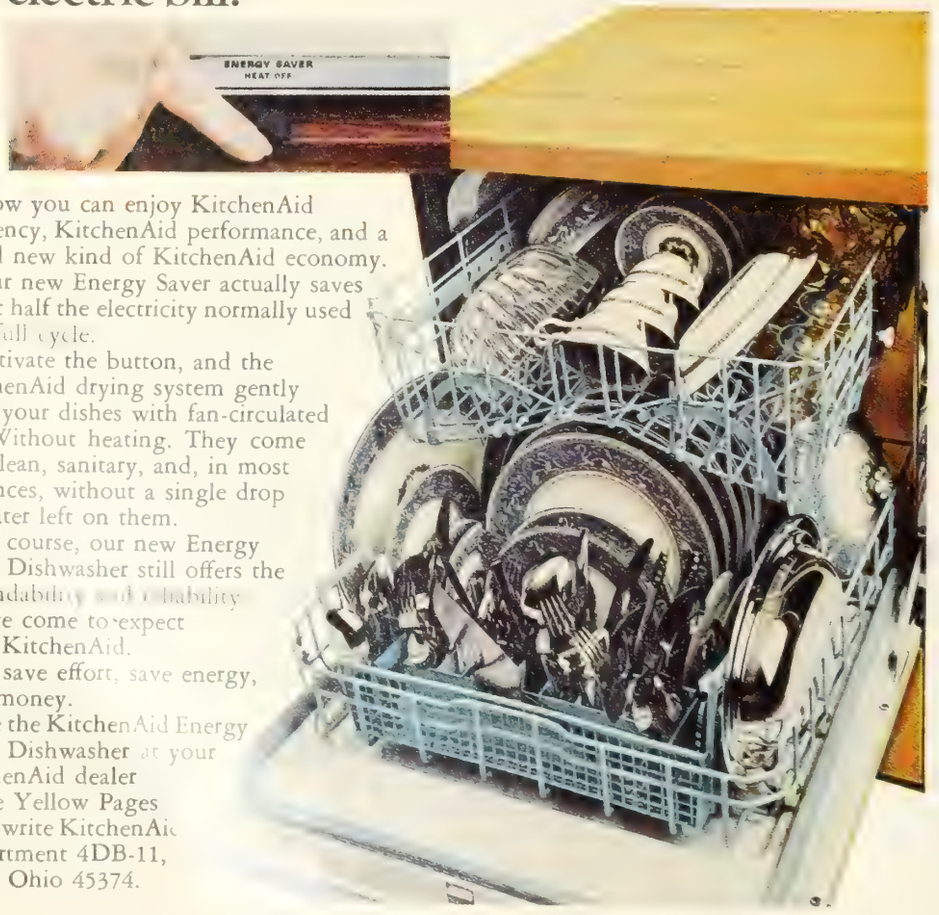
But not for long. Within 10 years, banjo-pickers were at it again. A revival started in the late 30s, picked up speed in the 40s and 50s and today, banjos are back in business.

Today's artistic instruments are a far cry from the crude instruments of the 1800s. There are many fine brands of Tenor, Plectrum and Five-String outfits to choose from: Gretsch, Gibson, Fender, Vega, Harmony and Penco—to mention a few —with prices to fit every purse. ***An inexpensive,*** but good quality Harmony four- or five-string banjo costs from $60 to $100. The Japanese import Penco sells for about $150. Both are excellent beginner's instruments. The Gretsch Dorado sells for about $300 and Baldwin Ode five-string models, with resonator (this reflects and accentuates the ring and snap of the banjo) from $475 to $975. A Gibson five-string, without resonator, sells for as low as $380. The five-string Folk banjo sells without resonator for about $400.

Once the selection has been made, it need not be a perplexing problem to learn how to play the banjo. Many music stores and guitar studios offer banjo instruction—lessons usually start at around $5 for a half hour. Admittedly, there is a critical shortage of banjo teachers, but if you can't find a pro, check the schools. Talented high school and college students are eager to teach beginners. Or you can try the self-taught routine. There are many instruction books on the market. ***The popular*** Mel Bay books, *Fun with a Banjo, Banjo Chords* and the *Mel Bay Chord System,* along with *Bluegrass Banjo* by Sonny Osborne, are excellent sources of instruction. ■

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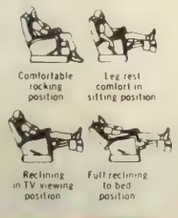
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on a small tray around a flower or plant. Popped buttons, split seams or wind-blown hair-dos can make guests self-conscious.

8. Tape two or three hours of background music so you or your husband won't have to keep popping up to flip a record or cassette.

9. Set a party mood with the lighting. Overhead lights should be out. They're too glaring and can kill a party mood. But darkness can also stifle a party—for some reason, guests tend to stand in static clumps when the room is near dark, lit only by half a dozen supposedly romantic candles. Experiment with the lighting. Strive for soft, flattering illumination.

10. Do not put all the food in one place. Prevent bunching up by providing oases of refreshment throughout your party space. Also, separate the food from the drink table. Force your guests to move and mingle.

11. Make hot hors d'oeuvres in advance. Freeze them and bake them an hour before the party. They'll keep warm on an electric tray or chafing dish. If you don't have any warming dishes or trays, borrow or rent one or two. Otherwise, forget hot hors d'oeuvres and concentrate on cold ones that are unusual, delicious and attractive. There is nothing worse than a "hot" hors d'oeuvre that is cold and limp—unless it's a frenzied hostess baking hors d'oeuvres during the party, then pushing the platter at people and urging them to "eat while it's hot."

12. Finally, enjoy your own party, knowing everything is under control. If the hostess is having a good time, chances are that everyone will have fun. ■



Shopping

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ask questions and arrive at your choice with a degree of clear thinking and without pressure.

6. Ask questions. You can read a small library on the subject of wine and still find new areas to explore. Never be embarrassed to ask seemingly simple questions—after all, it is appealing to the wine merchant's expertise on a subject he should be happy to discuss. And it is a free way for you to pick up helpful information.

7. Request return privileges. You may occasionally open a bottle of wine that has gone bad through improper storage or handling somewhere along the way. If this is the case, most merchants will give you credit if you return it. Unless the retailer imported the wine directly, he usually can, in turn, get a credit from the distributor—and your bad bottle also warns the retailer to investigate other wines from the same shipment. Also, if you purchase several bottles (or a case) of a wine and find that after drinking some, it is not what you expected, see if the store will let you exchange the unopened bottles for other wines.

8. Buy by the case. Most stores give a 10% discount on a case of 12 full bottles or 24 half-bottles, so keep this in mind when you find a wine you really enjoy. Normally, this rule applies only to full cases of the same wine, but if you are a regular customer, ask about a discount on mixed cases.

Besides these rules, there are several other steps you can take before you ever start shopping. Read some of the standard wine books—you don't have to memorize everything they say, but note down recommendations that appeal to you. After all, you bought these books to use these experts' knowledge.

Study vintage charts for general guidelines to buying or serving wine. They can, of course, be a help and a hindrance at the same time, for even so-called poor years can produce some good wines (or vice versa). But if you follow expert recommendations on these particular wines, you often can find wines at bargain prices.

Learn to read labels very carefully. Fancy artwork and pictures of romantic structures on labels have little to do with the wine inside, but other information can be of great help.

Taste wine every chance you have—and take notes.

Then put those notes into a wine log—this is the only sure way to prevent your forgetting that great little wine you had. Be sure to note the name of the wine, its vintage year, its origin, the shipper and/or importer, the date purchased, the price and store name and comments.

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ONCE AGAIN THE AMERICAN FACE TURNS HOMEWARD—TO THAT SEASON OF LOVE AND GOOD CHEER WE CALL THE HOLIDAYS, THAT TIME WHEN WE GIVE THANKS, LOOK TO THE WINTER SOLSTICE, EMBRACE FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THAT INDESCRIBABLE WARMTH THAT MEANS "WE'RE ALL TOGETHER, AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERS, AFTER ALL." THIS YEAR, WHEN WE GATHER TOGETHER, PERHAPS OUR PURSES MAY BE LIGHTER, BUT OUR HEARTS MAY BE LIGHTER, TOO, BECAUSE EVENTS HAVE PROVEN THAT WE ARE TOGETHER INDEED. IN FORECAST OF THESE DAYS TO COME, FOR THIS LOVING SEASON AT HOME WHEN THE LATCHSTRING IS OUT AND HOSPITALITY MEANS MORE THAN EVER, THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW OFFER • A PORTFOLIO OF DINING ROOMS • A GROUP OF DESIGNER-DESIGNED TABLE SETTINGS • A TRIO OF TRICKS TO MAKE THE SAME CHINA CHANGE ITS MOOD WITH THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S • GUEST BEDROOMS FURBISHED WITH FIRST-TIME, RIGHT-OUT-OF-THE-SMITHSONIAN HEIRLOOM PATTERNS • A LOOK AT AN APARTMENT AND FRENCH CHÂTEAUX WHERE ENTERTAINING IS A WAY OF LIFE • ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT ON HOW TO THROW A PARTY FOR A CROWD • A RUNDOWN ON THE WINES WELL-KNOWN WINE-BUFFS BIB AT EVERYDAY MEALS • THE START OF A NEW SERIES ON FRENCH COUNTRY COOKING • NEW KITCHENWARE TO MAKE YOUR PARTY-GIVING COLORFULLY PRACTICAL • A FABULOUS NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM THAT LITERALLY FESTOONS YOUR LIFE WITH GLAMOUR • AND AN EDITORS'-CHOICE GATHERING OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES EASIER. COULD YOU ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE?





THE PERFECT PLACE FOR PERFECT DINING

DINING ROOMS AND DINING AREAS, REMINDERS ALL THAT A SEASONING OF GRACE CAN TURN A GOOD MEAL INTO A GREAT ONE

NO WONDER EVE found that apple so tasty. She ate it in Eden—and over the aeons, it's been established that our enjoyment of food is almost as quickened by what we see about us as by the food itself. If hunger is the best hollandaise, a background that delights the eye and pleases all the senses is the next best sauce for making meals memorable. Nor is it written anywhere that only in a dining room can meals be beguiling experiences.

IN A DESIGN FOR LIVING-ROOM DINING (*top left*), **Michael de Santis makes the point with a glass-and-steel table tuning into the crystal gleam of the mirrors and black Plexiglas wall paneling. Chair seats and caladium leaves pick up the unpedestrian mix of hot Javanese color (sofas, lacquered batik tables and Art Deco bench) and a green-and-white chevron floor, unexpectedly accented with Bristol blue chairs. Room was shown at Poplar Hill, Glen Cove, N.Y., for the benefit of the North Shore Science Museum.**

WINTER-GARDEN DINING AREA in the New York apartment of Mrs. Anne Ryan Livingston (*left*) **is an ell of the living room where palm-framed windows give diners a view of the town, a lofty marvel by day and a spectacular light play by night. Antique cast-iron chairs and marble-top table add to the garden-retreat illusion, glamorously sparkled with a crystal chandelier and a mirror wall. Designed by John FitzGibbons Inc.**

AN AIR OF ELEGANT PEASANTRY in a Westchester County, N.Y., dining room (*right*) **puts meals in the ambiance of an Austrian castle. The sideboard (once part of a mahogany "suite") was painted in rustic quill pattern and a provincial motif also stencils the wall. Seignorial note: fully upholstered host and hostess chairs. Straight-chair cushions have bow-tie fastenings. Ronald Bricke was the interior designer.**

TOP LEFT, FELICIANO; OTHERS, BILL HELMS







TOP NEAR RIGHT, MARIS SEMEL; BELOW NEAR RIGHT, HARRY HARTMAN; ALL OTHERS, BILL HELMS

SERENELY ELEGANT dining room in this Manhattan apartment (*near right*) suggests tradition with its Queen Anne chairs, damask and resplendent crystal shower of chandelier, but Michael de Santis has subtly shattered convention here, making the room memorable with silvery gray and mauve color and a contemporary steel-base table. Table top and the chairs are glossily lacquered aubergine.

DINING ON ART DECO is part of the feast in a dining room designed by Rubén de Saavedra (*far right*). Chairs, a console and a rope-patterned mirror frame suggest the 1920s' style, which has been juxtaposed with Oriental porcelains and a contemporary table topped in blue glass. Platform on the console is a Chinese k'ong. Purple flowers punctuating this unlikely mix are allium. Home of Mr. and Mrs. David Roth.

TREASURE TROVE DINING ROOM in a New York townhouse (*near right below*) puts antique French Provincial chairs, antique Chinese lacquer and blue-and-white porcelains to fresh contemporary use. Interior Designer Richard Himmel masterminded the scene, gave it the see-through and glitter of a chrome-and-glass table, refreshed the armchairs in toile and checks and devised the unique glass server, using garden porcelains as supports. All treasures stand forth against a totally white background colored only by a Karl Appel oil.

A WALL-FILLING TAPESTRY by Calder is the cynosure of a New York dining-sitting room (*far right below*) and cues the design quality and color of caramel leather sofas and red chrome chairs. Total carpeting, striped cotton wall fabric are noise-subduing influences in this quiet place for dining. Its lighting is mellow, a ring of ceiling-sunk lights unobtrusively supplying illumination to the table. Theodore Triant, the interior designer. Reminder: For comfort, each diner needs two feet of table length with eight inches more elbow room for the carver; for each place setting, allow a rectangular space of about 24 by 15 inches.

THE JOLT OF SURPRISE, the delight of dining unexpectedly in company with tropical fish, African fetishes, Mayan sculpture, coral trees and contemporary posters—that's a most appetizing bonus to a meal in the dining area of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Jacobson's New York apartment (*above*). It is the sharing of a highly personal preference used, with the aid of Interior Designer Richard Ohrbach and his associate Lynn Jacobson, against a smart pattern mix of navy-and-white "Dutch wax" batiks, varied on walls, draperies and drapery lining, carried to a marble-top Saarinen table in assorted placemats and ruffled napkins. Picasso-esque "funny face" plates (*left*) and a color mix of glassware, even the acrylic-steel-fiber glass chairs are conversation pieces.













LEFT, GEORGE R. SZANIK; BELOW LEFT, FELICIANO; RIGHT, BILL HELMS

PERSONAL STATEMENT dining area here (*top left*) is Interior Designer Frank Stout's exercise in reconciling his predilection for Chinese and Japanese artifacts with his liking for red, white and blue—an unhackneyed East-West put-together to delight a dinner guest. Textured-weave wall covering, lacquered firehouse red, is a smashing, if unorthodox, backdrop for a trio of Japanese kakemonos and a glass étagère display of Oriental porcelains. Resist-dyed cotton obis criss-cross the table in lieu of placemats. Shown at the San Francisco Design Show.
COFFEE-TABLE DINING—great idea in close quarters—suggests a palette of piquant variety (*left*). Here, before an open hearth, Interior Designer Robert K. Lewis of Bloomingdale's, Manhasset, suggests an Oriental supper, intimately served from a hibachi on plates cradled in rice-sieve baskets. Exhibited at Poplar Hill, Glen Cove, N.Y., to benefit the North Shore Science Museum.
TWO TABLES (or more) may be the solution for a luncheon or dinner party if the dining table can seat no more than six in comfort—or if there is no dining table. Mannerly proof that this arrangement need have no makeshift connotation: twin glass tables in a Long Island living room (*right*), permanent fixtures, but always ready to be transformed into gala settings. Tiffany tableware echoes the French-accented elegance of cream, beige and *café au lait* furnishings. And there's the guest-pleaser of dining to firelight against glittering mirrored walls. Michael de Santis, interior designer.







PHOTOGRAPHS, THIS PAGE, FELICIANO-RIGHT, BILL HELM. FOR DETAILS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION

SCENE IN A SOLARIUM (*above and left*) is a sun-trapping, tendril-hung pocket of a room that lures guests into the delightful delusion they are sitting in a flower bower surrounded by vistas of the summer lawns (or winter snows). This is the very essence of Country Chic, that lovely interplay of urbane elegance and rustic freshness, seeming contradictions that complement each other perfectly, like Cattleya orchids and simple garden flowers in hobnail milk glass. (There's a guest-stopper in itself—and you *could* grow orchids.) The mustard gold background of a needlepoint rug compounds the sunniness here, the blossoms cueing the American Beauty rose color in the outsized checks of the floor-length draped tablecloth. The room, designed by Dick Ridge and Lafe Hill of Ridge-Hill Interiors, was shown at Poplar Hill, Glen Cove, N.Y. displayed to benefit the North Shore Science Museum.

TURNING THE TABLES on Louis XVI and the "museum look" in a New York dining room just loaded with antiques (*right*), Interior Designer C. J. Ashton centers the room with the cool-glinting glass of a contemporary table—the better to see through so that the bold pattern of a rare old Chinese rug becomes part of the table decoration. The rug colors set the cream and navy tones of the room, suggested the unexpected use of navy upholstery on the French chairs and the tailored stripes of the wall fabric. At the windows, another difference in approach: shades, laminated in a variation of the cream-and-blue striped fabric, gather up into sharp knife pleats, a tailored version of the Austrian blind. To give the dusky, dark blue background a rich sparkle, the accents are crystalline, prismatic, reflective: the glittering chandelier and girandoles, a Venetian mirror, a mirrored screen.







TABLETOP TREASURY



BETSEY JOHNSON'S INTERPRETATION OF COUNTRY CHIC

Editor MOLLY SIPLE □ Who better to carry a Country Chic banner into table linens than Dress Designer Betsey Johnson (*right*), the 1971 Coty Award winner whose 1974 styles include nostalgic farmer-lady dresses and tightly bowed aprons? For her first venture into table fashion, Betsey designed for *House Beautiful* this appealing collection of tablecloth, placemats and napkins with appliquéd flowers made from instructions for the smock pattern she designed for Butterick. The cloth and placemats can be used together (*right*) or separately (*above*).

Sewn here in a Peter Pan chocolate fabric, the table skirt is cut from Butterick's basic tablecloth pattern 3175. Add the flowers from Betsey Johnson's Butterick smock top, 3851 (which she wears at right with her apron in pattern 3850). Cut oval placemats and napkins from the same fabric and trim as desired—ours has a gold-hued band and chocolate-toned rickrack for cloth and mats, a contrast-stitched hem and one flower on napkins.

To enhance this country look, the table is dressed with a put-together of favorite vases for a centerpiece, Iron Mountain Stoneware's "Ice" plates, "Country Craft" goblets by Viking, "Post Road" flatware by Northland Stainless and Franciscan's "Desert Rose" platter and butter dish. For other moods, see the continuing portfolio of tabletops on the next six pages.

FELICIANO





SEW UP AN ART DECO SPECTACULAR

Today's Art Deco look (*left*) is all elegance and simplicity. You can create it with *House Beautiful*-designed kits from Distlefink. Each kit—one for director's chair covers, one for placemats and napkins and one for coasters (*below, left to right*)—has cotton and cotton blend fabric and instructions. Our artful table shows two different china patterns by Rosenthal—"Polygon" white plates (*left*), designed by Tapio Wirkkala, or an alternative, the brown-rimmed "Joy" (*below*)—with Rosenthal's "Linear" flatware and Walter Gropius tea pot, Hallmark's black candles, Wallace Crystal's "Southwick" stemware, Deco accessories. FELICIANO

A TROPICAL EXCURSION IN NEEDLEPOINT

Think Limoges and you might likely imagine tiny blue field flowers. But this year Bernardaud Limoges breaks tradition with "Papeete" (*right*), a pattern of exotic Hawaiian flowers. We've taken the china pattern and adapted it to a needlepoint chair cushion, napkin ring and coaster (*below right center and far right*), all made from kits available from Elsa Williams' Needlecraft House. Table accessories in the tropical vein: straw mats and batik napkins from Tabletoppings at Henri Bendel; stainless flatware, "Bamboo," by Supreme and soapstone drinking cups and covered bowl from Diane Love. A variation is a plain white plate (*below near right*). TO ORDER ALL KITS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION















IN CREWEL, A REBIRTH OF PAST CHARM

Crewel sets the pace of old America revisited. In this rustic tablesetting (*left*), crewel accessories—placemat, napkin ring, chair cushion and coaster—come from Royal Doulton's "Old Colony" pattern. The plate's border design is enlarged to frame the placemat (*below center*) and the central floral motif used for the pillow (*below left*). All crewel projects are available in kits with Belgian linen and crewel wools through Elsa Williams' Needlecraft House. The table is finished with Seneca's "Newport" glassware and Towle Silversmiths' "Beaded Antique" stainless flatware. An alternative for a plate design is Royal Doulton's white china (*below right*) to accent the placemat.

STITCH NEW IMPACT FROM AN OLD CRAFT

The cross-stitch sampler of old becomes today's placemats and napkins (*right*). The four mats and napkins were designed to coordinate with the "Old Homestead" pattern in Mikasa's "Country Store" collection, and each picks up a separate motif (*below near right and center right*). They are all available in one kit from Paragon Needlecraft through The Stitchery that includes linen, six-strand embroidery threads and directions. For table accessories, the tin milk buckets holding a spray of peonies, "Parklane" sandwich glasses from Colony and WMF's "Marlow" stainless flatware. The plain white plate (*below far right*) is an alternate.

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ONE PATTERN, THREE GALA MOODS

Most of us have only one "company best" china pattern. With three distinctly different holidays upon us—Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's—it becomes a challenge to create imaginative tablesettings with the spirit of each event, using exactly the same china.

We've approached this task by incorporating Lenox China's "Blue Tree" pattern into each of the holiday settings. And we picked a patterned example to show that you don't have to start out with a no-design plate to achieve different effects.

What makes a table distinctive is the over-all mood you achieve. Colors—bright primaries versus subtle pastels—make a major difference in impact. The table coverings . . . will it be a white damask cloth or an Indian spread? Or mats, Early American or the sheerest lace? They, too, matter. These and the personal detailing all mix to build your own theme and mood. A traditional holiday does not, after all, mean you can't try something new, extra, unexpected with each new table.

An old-fashioned Thanksgiving: warmth, a family time together. If the background for your feast is an Early American setting like this one (*above*), the mood can't help succeeding, and the details of this table can well carry off the effect by themselves. With "Blue Tree" china as the catalyst, the most careful accessories make the effect: woven and fringed mats by Fallani & Cohn, featuring the traditional fruit bowl motif; the shining blue goblets, "Antique Blue" by Lenox, adding color and an old-world flair; tin candlesticks and snuffer, a charming boost to the mood, and "Oak Leaf" silver flatware by Old Newbury Crafters. The centerpiece is a basketful of flowers, fruits and vegetables. The setting here, Waterloo Village Restoration in Stanhope, N.J.

For Christmas, colors and rich patterns mark the occasion. For this festival, our table brings together east and west (*far right*) in a Manhattan apartment designed by Carolyn Harcheroad. "Blue Tree" is the elegant touch, this time woven into a play of patterns. An embroidered Indian bedspread drapes the table and embroidered Iranian placemats top it off. The details, again, make the mood: two Cambodian hand-hammered silver reindeer, Gorham's "Melrose" silver, Lenox's "Royale" crystal, porcelain napkin rings and candles. This is no time to be shy with color. Splash it on for Christmas cheer with bright primaries—blues, reds and yellows.

New Year's Eve for two, the unpublicized way many people prefer to celebrate (*near right*). Here, "Blue Tree" has the only color, with accessories a foil rather than an embellishment. Embroidered linens from Plummer McCutcheon are lacy and festive, Stieff's "Homewood" silver elegant. Lucite folding tables from Bergdorf Goodman let each placesetting stand on its own. To complete this simple effect, "Gala" crystal by Lenox, a cooler of Champagne—to ring in the new year with a sparkle and a splash the way it should be, as is shown here, in the home of Designer Audré Fiber.

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For these two men, the settings are quite characteristic: Composer **HENRY MANCINI** (top left) *at work on another of those film scores that send all of us out of a theater humming;* **MARIO RICCI** (above), *chief sommelier at the 21 Club bringing up another prized bottle from the cellars of the famous New York restaurant. Not so expected is this quiet view of* **PHYLLIS DILLER** (left), *but it's real—for the popular comedienne is a genuine wine buff who knows her way around wine labels almost as well as she knows her way around a comedy routine.*

By LINDA B. DOWNS ☐ Publishers and physicians, a lawyer and a dress designer, show business celebrities and businessmen who operate behind the scenes of the entertainment world . . . It's a far-ranging group, these 75 persons. Some answers stress wines that offer value for low price; other preferences reflect budgets and lifestyles quite removed from what most of us think of as everyday choices. Those involved with wine in their business lives are, naturally, partial to their own particular wines—and nearly everyone listed two or three everyday favorites, with often a plug for a special-occasion choice, too.

Take Academy Award-winning Actor **ROD STEIGER**. For his "very private and important occasions," he celebrates with La Teche 1964 Romanée-Conti, because it "gives more blood to those special moments of life one desperately needs." For everyday dining, he turns to Beaujolais-Villages Jadot as a wine that's "always pleasant and steady."

"A table without wine is like a day without sun" is a favorite saying of **VICTOR PUPPIN** of the Brussels restaurant in New York, often considered the dean of American sommeliers. Most often lighting his table: Jadot Beaujolais-Villages 1972, with red meat; Christian Brothers Sauvignon Blanc with fish and oysters.

"What I would really like to drink every day is Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, Blanc de Blancs, Brut, but I guess we must reserve this for only very special occasions," writes **CHARLES S. MUELLER,** executive vice-president of Kobrand Corp. "The wines I most often select for everyday, at home or in a restaurant, are Beaujolais-Villages Jadot, which marries so well with grilled meats over charcoal; Barre Muscadet, crisp and refreshing, a Loire Valley wine that's ideal with shellfish, and Nozzole Chianti Classico Riserva. There are perhaps more fine Italian restaurants in New York than in any other city in the world, and there is nothing better to serve with this type of cuisine than the Nozzole, a wine with all the pedigrees, yet still reasonable enough to drink every day."

The Brouilly of Château de La Chaize was another Beaujolais frequently mentioned. Interior Designer **AUDRE FIBER** always chills her La Chaize, which she alternates with Condrieu, from the Rhône valley, in her everyday wine wardrobe.

"Mrs. Abrams generally chooses our wines," writes **HARRY N. ABRAMS,** chairman of Abrams Publishing Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Abrams have found Château de La Chaize Brouilly "a modestly priced wine that is consistently good. Slightly chilled, it is our favorite with barbecues."

And **MICHAEL AARON,** president of New York's Automation House Wine Tasting Society and vice-president of Sherry-Lehmann Inc., one of the world's best-known wine retailers, likes the La Chaize because "It is light, has a delightful fruity bouquet and is most refreshing, particularly when served slightly chilled in the summer. Sometimes, I add a small quantity of Cassis to it." (This mixture is, incidentally, also found at Château de La Chaize itself, where the 17th-century storybook château overlooks a garden laid out by Versailles Designer LeNôtre and the wine-making is supervised by Pierre Martray, the fourth generation of his family to be born there. Mme. Martray's chilled Cassis/Brouilly specialty makes a most fitting apertif to have between a tasting from the barrels in the cave of La Chaize, the longest cave in Beaujolais, and luncheon at the Cloche Merle in Vaux, a short drive away.)

Though we don't think score-keeping has any real validity in our random sampling, we have to confess to those who keep such tallies that Jadot came in as the most-mentioned shipper. **QUINN MARTIN,** the producer-director whose name and shows (ABC's *The FBI,* CBS' *Cannon* and new *Manhunter,* etc., etc.) have been regulars on nearly everyone's television screen at some time or other, prefers the white Jadot Macon Blanc, with a Châteauneuf-du-Pape his usual choice in a red.

Some of the names—of the people and the wines—are immediately recognizable. Others are less familiar. But each person shares a common pleasure in uncorking a friendly bottle, and here are what they term their...

FAVORITE

DONALD J. CHRISTY, sommelier at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria, Va., selects the red Jadot estate-bottled Moulin-A-Vent because it is "soft and velvety," the white Domaine LaFlaive Puligny Montrachet from Burgundy "for its great flavor" and rounds out his list with Château D'Aquéria Tavel Rosé "for its finesse and character."

Is there anyone here who's never hummed a **HENRY MANCINI** song? If there is, then you'll have a chance to whistle along soon with two new Mancini compositions—the music for the movies *The Pink Panther Returns* and *The Great Waldo Pepper* (which will star the great Robert Redford). Mancini's preferred everyday wines are the white Bolla Soave from Italy and Wente Dry Semillion from California and the red Fetzer Zinfandel from California and the Jadot Beaujolais. About all of them, he says simply, "The wine is good. The price is right."

Actor/Author/Art Historian **VINCENT PRICE,** a gourmet of some note, also divides his selections—choosing Le Piat en Pot and Jadot Macon Blanc from abroad and Mondavi's Fumé Blanc from California.

That Fumé Blanc is also the first-choice white of **R. MICHAEL MONDAVI,** vice-president of the Oakville, Calif., winery, who calls it "a light, fruity wine showing the typical full-bodied roundness of the Sauvignon Blanc grape." Specifying the Mondavi Pinot Noir as his most-often-served "rich-bodied wine," Mondavi adds, "I think of these as the fruit of a perfect combination of the winemaker, who is Mother Nature, knowledgeable individuals and the best equipment and techniques."

"For my everyday drinking, I like a light, dry white," explains Attorney **THEODORE W. KHEEL,** a founder of the Automation House Wine Tasting Society, known for his role in mediating several New York labor disputes. "My favorite over the years has been the Pouilly Fumé of La Doucette Frères, Château de Nozet. But it has gotten too expensive lately, as compared with such American wines as Mondavi's Chenin Blanc, the Seyval Blanc of Bully Hill and the Pinot Chardonnay from Wente Brothers. So, I'm drinking more of these and liking it fine."

JOHN A. FRIEDE, president of Video Tape Network Inc., says, "The wine that serves us best on an everyday basis is Robert Mondavi's Cabernet Sauvignon, which ranks with France's best. Unfortunately it is scarce even in San Francisco." (Indeed it is, with retailers throughout the country on wait lists for the limited supply.)

"I like red wines, especially Bordeaux," writes NBC's **BARBARA WALTERS,** and especially Château Prieuré-Lichine 1967 for day-to-day drinking. Her next choice: Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon '69.

Author/Winemaker **ALEXIS LICHINE** also votes for the Prieuré-Lichine—the '66 or the '67. "Although it's my own wine, I drink it not out of chauvinism but because I have always had a prejudice in favor of the finesse one finds in the wines that come from the village of Margaux. I am one of many who feel that in 1967 we made comparatively a better wine than many neighboring vineyards in the Medoc district of Bordeaux." When he needs a white, he has a '69, '70 or '71 Chassagne-Montrachet from "a good grower."

Another who dotes on Bordeaux is Actress/Author **ILKA CHASE,** "though only a potentate could serve Château Figeac every day. But there are Bordeaux *petits châteaux* that are relatively reasonable because they're not as famous. My favorite for just my husband and myself is the Château Picque Caillou imported by Austin Nichols, a nice, round, dry red costing about $4.50 a bottle. For a big crowd, I switch to a Côtes-du-Rhône called Château Malijay, (*Continued on page 133*)





CENTER LEFT, EUGENE COOK; LOWER RIGHT, FELICIANO; OTHERS, GEORGE R. SZANIK



Go anywhere in the world, find a wine maven and you're sure soon to be opening, and trying, looking at or talking about a favorite bottle (or even two). Actress **SANDY DUNCAN** (top right) *and* **WAYNE ROGERS** (above), *currently seen in the hit television series* M*A*S*H, *brought out a few of their choices to discuss their preferences—best-day and everyday—in their homes in California. Connoisseur* **PETER M.F. SICHEL** *of H. Sichel Sons went to the heart of the question at his Long Island country home and opened up a special bottle.*

EVERYDAY WINES



where the accent is on entertaining

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Allen of New York City are an immensely social couple. As such, entertaining is important to them and was a prime consideration when the Allens, owners of the Catch of the Sea restaurant, called upon Designer Robert Patino to replan their apartment. Patino developed a commanding peach-and-gray color concept for the living room (*above*). Using Art Deco overtones, Patino modified the geometry of 1930s styling, uplifting and streamlining to achieve this most flexible of spaces. Seating is concentrated in deep banquettes, with an assortment of peach, mauve and grey satin pillows. All textures are beautifully disposed to wear and tear from a minimum or maximum of guests. Of special note, the slate grey industrial carpeting. Important as the uninterrupted flow of color are the well-placed, highly lustrous accents here—the overscaled stainless steel tables that serve the banquettes, and the mythical unicorn, captured in a silver sculpture (*inset*). The living room is L-shaped, and it's the smaller section that Designer Patino has ordered into a dining room that's a fascinating mood piece (*top center*). The table, in gun-metal mirror, is set at an angle so that it faces in toward the living room for an illusion of greater depth. Lighting is tempered by Levolor blinds. Amidst three Art Deco statuettes, exquisite crystal and dinnerware, salt and pepper shakers, all from Tiffany & Co. (*upper right*). Commodious storage is included, as well, with a wall-length unit backed by smoke grey mirrors (*far right*). Chinese lacquer red dazzles from floor to ceiling in the sitting room/guest room (*center right*). Antique Chinese embroidered silk pillows line the sofas. Designer Patino's custom table holds a few offerings for guests. The bar (*near right*) is a petite Versailles, complete, functional and glittering.

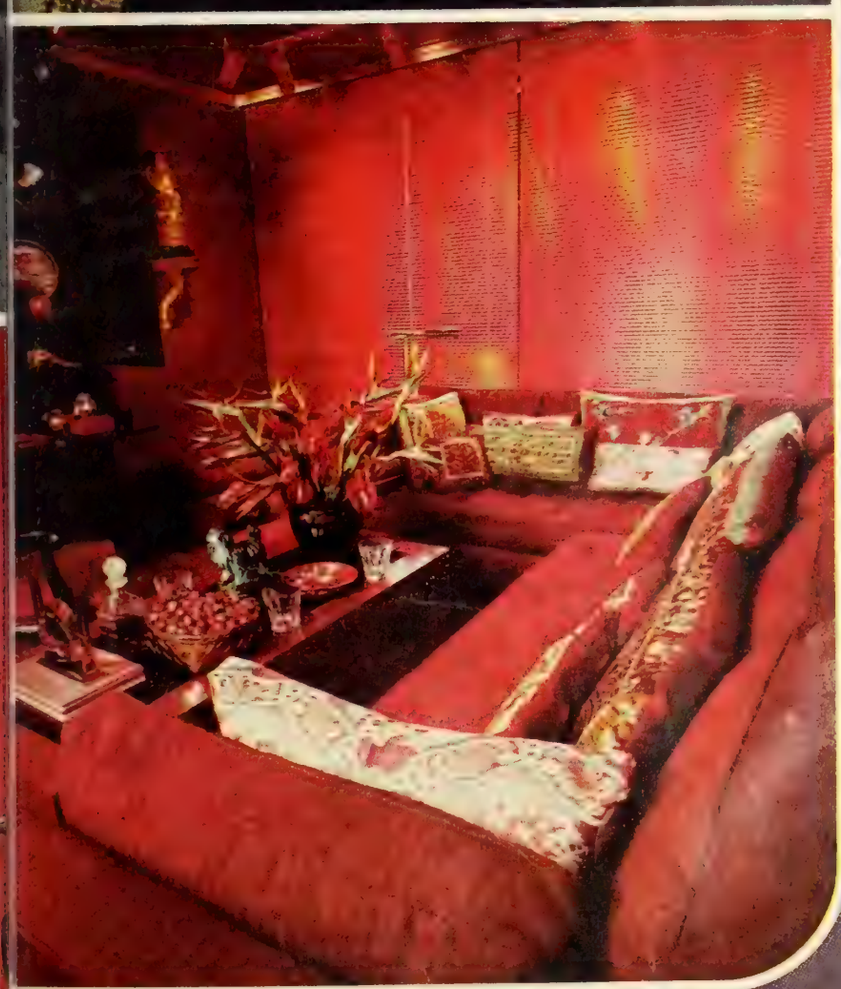
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...when planning begins with the food or wine...

IN NEW YORK

A James Beard Special

By HELEN McCULLY ☐ Following a recent big bash in his handsome New York house, James Beard, a host *par excellence*, discussed his party philosophy. **"I never give parties because I feel obliged to.** In short, to pay social debts. I give them because I enjoy people and I like having lots of people around me." This particular party, to which he invited about 70 people, was what Beard calls a cocktail buffet (not a whirl, as he puts it, where people can come and go, or a buffet or cocktail in the accepted sense). Sixty-six turned up and the last to leave blew kisses to the host as he stood in his doorway at midnight. Proof, it's perfectly clear, that it was a typical Beard party. A howling success.

Beard's conception of entertaining has changed radically, he tells us, since he wrote *Hors d'Oeuvre and Canapés* (still in print, both in hard-cover and in paperback). "I no longer serve what I now choose to call 'dootsy' (his very own coined word) food. In fact, I loathe the precious tidbits that are passed on trays at so many—too many—parties. **Today, I serve "gutsy" fare to be eaten and enjoyed throughout the evening.** You'll notice in the menu that follows that I did not include *crudités* simply because people rarely eat them. Cherry tomatoes dipped in vodka have proved to be (at least in my experience) the only successful *hors d'oeuvre* member of the vegetable family." The "gutsy" menu Jim Beard served at his most recent *soirée* consisted of:

Chili*
Marinated Eye of the Rib of Beef*
Assorted Mustards
Gravlax with Gravelaxsäs*
Homemade Black Bread
Polish Sausage Poached in Red Wine*
Onion Sandwiches*
Country Terrine*
Veal Shoulder en Croute
Coffee Cognac

We asked him why he hadn't included cheese. "I'm ambivalent about cheese at this type of party. Sometimes, I serve a large and beautiful Brie. But with a menu as comprehensive as this, I would never present a tray of cheeses."

We queried Beard about the cost of a party of this scope and were fascinated to learn that it averaged about $6 per person. This included the food, wines, spirits and service (about six, including two bartenders). The wines and spirits consumed were as follows: 12 magnums of red wine (Côte du Rhone), nine of white (Muscadet), one case of Champagne, two bottles of Scotch, less than one bottle of vodka, one-third of a bottle of Bourbon and the usual quota of Coca Cola, ginger ale and mineral water. The cost averaged $6 but, Beard added, **"There was sufficient chili left over to freeze and serve at a second party.** I served six guests for dinner with the remains of the beef. What was left of the Gravlax was eaten by one of my [redacted] cooking classes two days later. Absolutely nothing wasted." **Ah, the thrifty Mr. Beard!**

Today, interestingly—and this is relatively new—the trend is toward wines rather than spirits at parties such as this. Champagne is, of course, the most deluxe, if you can afford it. There is no other accent quite as impressive as a battery of magnums cooling their heels. However, there are substitutes and very good substitutes at half the price. Beard discussed with us two sparkling French wines that he likes and serves often. One is the bone-dry *Kriter Brut* produced in Burgundy and the second a 1970 *Boyer Brut Blanc de Blancs*, similar to and quite indistinguishable from a good French Champagne. It is amusing to note that for a big party, Beard chills all wines that need chilling in an ice-filled bathtub. **Ah, the practical Mr. Beard!**

"To get my students off to a good start when my cooking classes begin, I serve drinks to break the ice—either Kir (white wine with *Crème de Cassis*) or a Sangria. I make a Sangria like this: 1 gallon good red wine, 4 ounces (½ cup) undiluted orange juice, 1½ cups *Crème de Cassis*, 2 bay leaves. It is served from big pitchers with a garnish of grated orange and lemon rind, fresh strawberries or cherries and fresh mint. Sangria, an excellent 'punch' for a big party, is quite inexpensive.

"There are innumerable alternatives to the dishes on this menu. In place of the beef, a boned loin of pork, seasoned with garlic and coriander and then glazed, is handsome, delicious and considerably less expensive; turkey mixed with scallions, green peppers and garlic, wrapped (*Continued on page 128*)



James Beard in his garden, where he can gather fresh herbs, drink his morning tea (weather permitting) and entertain with his usual grace.

IN BORDEAUX

La Vie du Chateau

By ALEXIS BESPALOFF ☐ The people who make wine anywhere in the world are known for their hospitality and for the enthusiasm with which they welcome those who enjoy wine. Winemakers also tend to be more casual than their customers about the way they serve wine. They take wine for granted as a natural part of their lives and don't burden their wines—or their guests—with rigid rules or an elaborate presentation.

This easy and uncomplicated approach is an enjoyable contrast to the anxiety many beginning wine drinkers have about the correct way to enjoy wine, and to the preoccupation many enthusiasts have with the subtleties of proper presentation. There are, nevertheless, some fine wines whose presentation does require thought, none more so than the best wines of Bordeaux.

A dinner organized around a progression of fine wines is bound to take a different form than one that features copious amounts of young Beaujolais, Valpolicella, Liebfraumilch or Zinfandel. Drinks before dinner, the partnering of wine and food, decanting, the approach to older wines and the differing attitude toward the unique sweet wine of Sauternes—all of these aspects of dining become especially interesting when it is the Bordelais themselves who are presenting the wines. Their approaches to entertaining with fine wine are worth noting by anyone who enjoys sharing a good bottle.

There is, of course, a certain glamor associated with an invitation to one of the famous wine-producing châteaux of Bordeaux, a combination perhaps of the fame of the château itself and of the expectation of being offered some interesting and unusual vintages of that wine in excellent condition. A visitor to Bordeaux soon discovers that although it is traditional for a Bordeaux vineyard of whatever size to call itself a château, few properties actually deserve so grand a name. Most estates include only a residence that might more properly be called a large country house; some have no residence to speak of—just the *chai,* or ground-level warehouse where the wines are kept.

There are some beautifully designed châteaux, of course, but **what is curious about many of them is that they are not lived in.** A special staff is brought in to prepare and serve meals to guests, whose visit is limited to the dining room and perhaps one furnished room. At Palmer, for example, the wife of the cellar master prepares the dinners that are occasionally served at the château, and guests are welcomed in a salon before moving on to the dining room



Eating is taken seriously everywhere in France, but in Bordeaux, good food is likely to be accompanied by fine wines carefully presented. Here, at Château Loudenne in the Médoc, a progression of four wines will complement a menu that includes shad and gigot d'agneau en croute. Wine is rarely served directly from the bottle in Bordeaux, and the decanters of red wines that will go with the lamb are already on the table here. With the cheese, there will be Cheval Blanc 1911, a fragile wine that will be decanted only a few minutes before it is served to the guests.

—the rest of the house is unused. At Yquem, a beautiful property built on the grand scale in the 17th century, its proprietor, Comte Alexandre de Lur Saluces, welcomes his guests in a beautifully appointed salon before showing them to a small dining room, but he lives elsewhere.

The bigger the structure, the less likely it is to be lived in, the cost of central heating and of servants being what they are. **And using a large residence only for occasional meals has its amusing aspects.** For one thing, the kitchen may not be close to the room used for dining. At one property, for example, small dinner parties are sometimes held in a specially furnished reception room. I noticed that the servants bringing the food to our table seemed to be entering from the courtyard, and my host later confirmed that the kitchen was in another wing of the house. "But what happens when it rains?" I asked. "They walk from the kitchen to the dining room holding an umbrella over the food," he explained.

An extreme example of this unusual approach to entertaining occurs at Grand-Puy-Lacoste, whose venerable proprietor, Raymond Dupin, is known for the excellence of both his food and his wines He uses the château only for receiving guests and then only the dining room, since the living room is cluttered with cartons of wine. The dining room is furnished only with a table and chairs and illuminated by a bare bulb hanging from the ceiling. **The table itself, however, is covered with a beautiful cloth and the guests cover their laps with enormous napkins of the finest linen,** as they eat such simple food as shad and leg of lamb, perfectly cooked, and accompanied by a series of vintages often stretching back to the 19th century. Here also the kitchen is quite a distance from the dining room, and it is a tradition at Grand-Puy-Lacoste that after every course, each guest in turn walks to the door and shouts, "Antoinette!" bringing the housekeeper shuffling into the room.

Hospitality in Bordeaux is unfailingly generous, but its style varies from one property to another. At Mouton-

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ABOVE: DAN WYNN







AFTER A DAY ON THE LINKS, A QUIET RETREAT **that's undemanding but always visually satisfying**







Editor LESTER GRUNDY ☐ There is a golfers' paradise where the courses are ideal, the weather temperate and, since home edges on the lush greens, travel to and from the courses quite unnecessary. The locale? Pinehurst, N.C., often called the golf capital of the world and site of a new residential village. It's in this resort community that a custom-look interior was created in one of Pinehurst's standard condominium apartments for one sports-oriented, and now retired, couple. Designer Emily Malino planned the living room (*above*) in keeping with the spirit of the community while meeting the particular needs of these highly active residents. The scheme is simple, direct—neither too rugged for her nor too fragile for him. Color choices are a play of neutrals touched with a concentration of Indian red pillows. Textures, though, make the dynamics here—brick, tweed, metal and, most notable, the custom walls made of planked paneling by U.S. Plywood, set on the diagonal. Fabric patterning is minimal, used only to cover plump floor cushions, for informal seating. Carpeting in nylon shag, by Trend Mills, contributes a luxurious surface for all the fine-lined furniture by Drexel-Heritage. Accessories are few but unusual: a sculpted ball of welded metal balanced on a tall ivory plinth and, over the near sofa (*near left*), a long, narrow painting evocative of an early morning sky. Breakfast for two or cards with four—options for use of the living room's dining area (*top center*) are open to the couple of the house. Curved armchairs covered in Ultrasuede fabric are a tactile delight; a view of the green outdoors is a visual one. A wood table backing one of the sofas provides a most useful serving surface (*top left*). For a dining style more *raffiné*, guests and hosts are seated in the separate dining room (*far left*) amidst mirrors and diagonal wood paneling and arrangements of fresh-cut flowers.

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simple, direct, unfussy–yet glowing with inner warmth





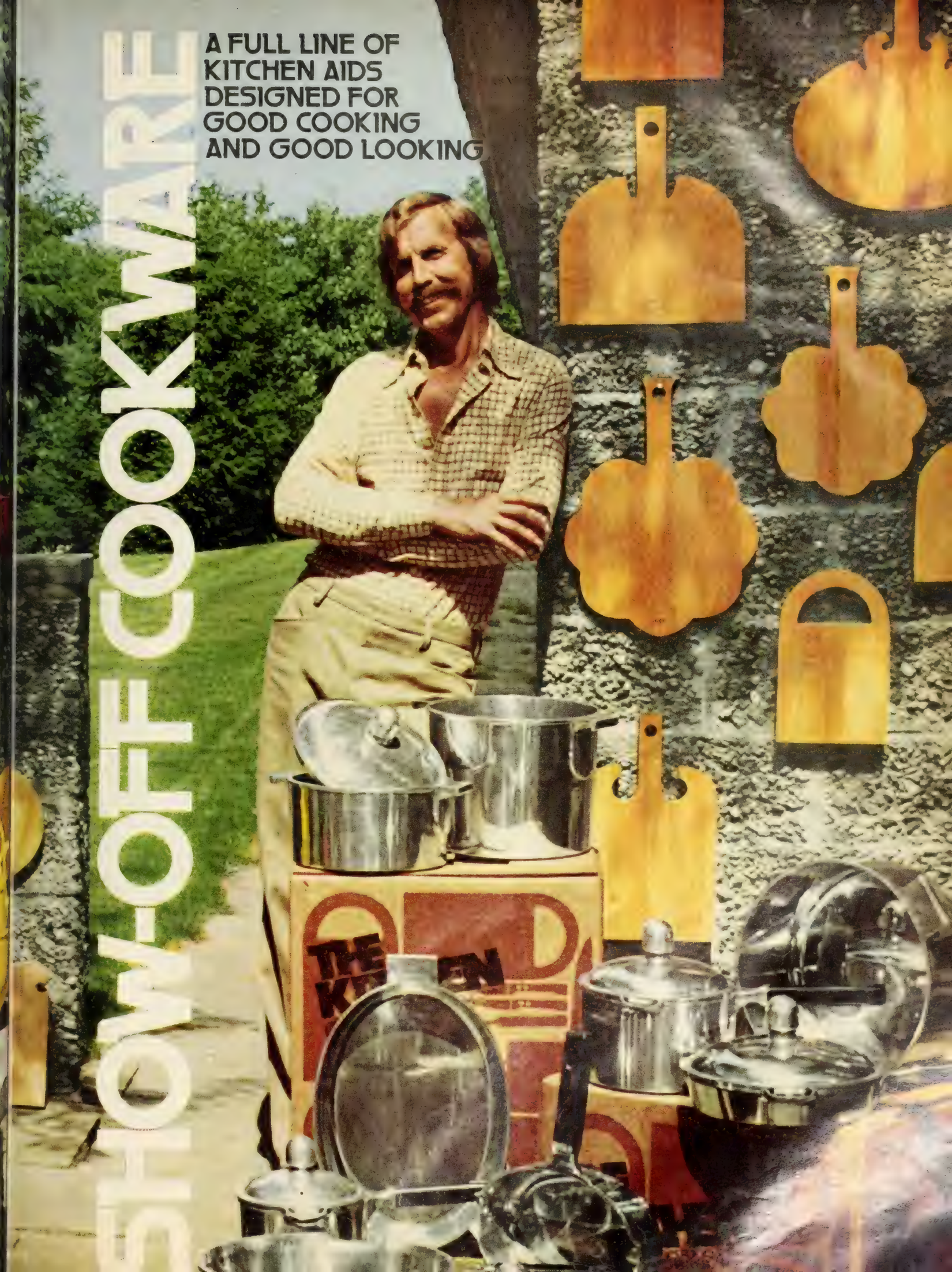
The large master bedroom in the Pinehurst condominium apartment (*above*) is ready proof that less is more. Here are the elements that establish warmth, comfort and the ease-of-living philosophy of this community. Nothing fussy, nothing excessive is the rule. Color importance begins with gray-white countrified walls, all prefinished paneling with the surface of hand-hewn timber by U.S. Plywood—custom-installed for this special unit. The fabulous four-poster bed, a reproduction of a classic design, is made of wood, brass-finished. Tradition continues with a red-and-white patchwork quilt folded down at the foot of the bed, three blue Indian geometric pillows at its head. Metal highlights, like the brass-finished bed, spark a far wall (*top center*) with a tin mirror from Mexico. Very noteworthy: ceiling-height screens to match the walls. Any woman with time to pursue her skill at handcrafts will welcome a room like this one to work in. Here, homemade textiles can be woven on the treadle loom (*top left*); needed yarns are a fingertip away on the open shelves. Cheerful red walls, window shutters and wall-to-wall carpeting are a stimulating backdrop for creative endeavors. Accommodations for friends and relatives are spacious, bright—a room with a view (*left*). A rich primary blue colors walls and outlines windows (with hidden pull-down shades), making the surrounds all the more vast. Curios brought back from recent travels, displayed in a painted cabinet from Mexico, add touches of exotic charm.

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HERE'S SOMETHING NEW FOR THE PARTY-LOVING KITCHEN

By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN ☐ The well-deserved smile on Designer Gunnar Cyren's face is as sweeping as the array of cookware, plastics, woodenware and cutlery spread around him. For the past six years he has worked on this collection, the first phase of Dansk Gourmet, a just-introduced division of Dansk Designs. Cyren, who is an award-winning designer from Gävle, Sweden, worked as a silversmith and goldsmith before serving as the chief glass designer at Orrefors for more than a decade. He now works exclusively for Dansk—and has definite ideas about how tools and utensils for the kitchen should look. "I want everything in this collection to look as if it were derived from generations of use—a non-design approach. These things should have the character of well-used tools," says Cyren, who researched the concept with Dansk's president, Ted Nierenberg, by touring European restaurants and utensil shops and talking with chefs about their preferences. Although based on tradition, there is nothing traditional about the cast-aluminum (with weighted bottoms) saucepans, skillets, casseroles, stockpots, Dutch ovens, tea kettles, baking dishes and—something new—an oval pan for heating frozen foods. A master of materials, Cyren's plastic pitchers, bowls and canisters are succinct statements of form and color, while the 14 varieties of wooden boards in maple or sycamore can hang decoratively when not in use. Decidedly classic is the cutlery, yet it, too, has a distinct twist with red, yellow or black handles. This is the beginning of the collection. Cyren plans to add glass storage containers and molds, cast-iron cookware and a range of tools and utensils from strainers to spatulas for both conventional and microwave cookery. Nierenberg foresees, "People living in smaller homes with the kitchen at the core as the major living space. Cooking will be a family activity shared by husband, wife and children. Rather than being hidden behind cabinet doors, kitchenware will be exposed as decorative objects." He and his designer see the collection as a one-source answer—a complete line of kitchenware both functional and decorative. The fundamental idea is that the kitchen should be a place to live in and enjoy as well as a workroom. "Who can afford to eat out anymore?" queries Nierenberg, citing the cost of a recent French meal.

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NEW FOR BED AND BATH— INSPIRED BY ARTIFACTS IN THE FABULOUS SMITHSONIAN COLLECTION

Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ In 1840, a little girl named Patience stitched a rose-trellised hope chest quilt. In 1870, a 12-year-old named Aimee dipped into her mother's scrap bag and put together a silken patchwork throw. In West Virginia in 1851, an unknown itinerant weaver commemorated the opening of the Hempfield Railroad in a double-faced counterpane. These and many other souvenirs of our ancestors' industry and design skills have fortunately found their way to the Smithsonian Institution, that keeper of so much of America's precious past. ***NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME*** in its history, reproduction of such cherished documents has been authorized, and Fieldcrest, with modern skills of its own, is putting this heritage into everyone's home in its "American Treasures" collection of sheets, bedspreads, comforters and towels. On this page, see "Patience Rose," the little girl's dowry translated into percale sheets, a comforter, a printed blanket—and the sheet pattern quilted to upholster a headboard and skirt a box spring. ***IN THE HOME*** of Interior Designer Clifford H. Stanton, the medallions and railroad-train border of "Hempfield Railroad" (*top left*) are reproduced in a reversible, Jacquard-weave counterpane, faithful even to the original misspelling of the railroad's name, with matching terry towels (*far left*). ***THE DESIGN*** in "Federal Bouquet" towels (*left*) derives from a 19th-century counterpane in the Smithsonian's "First Ladies' Hall," and also patterns a printed bedspread with old-fashioned garden-bed blossoms and flowering stripes bracketed in flowering vines.



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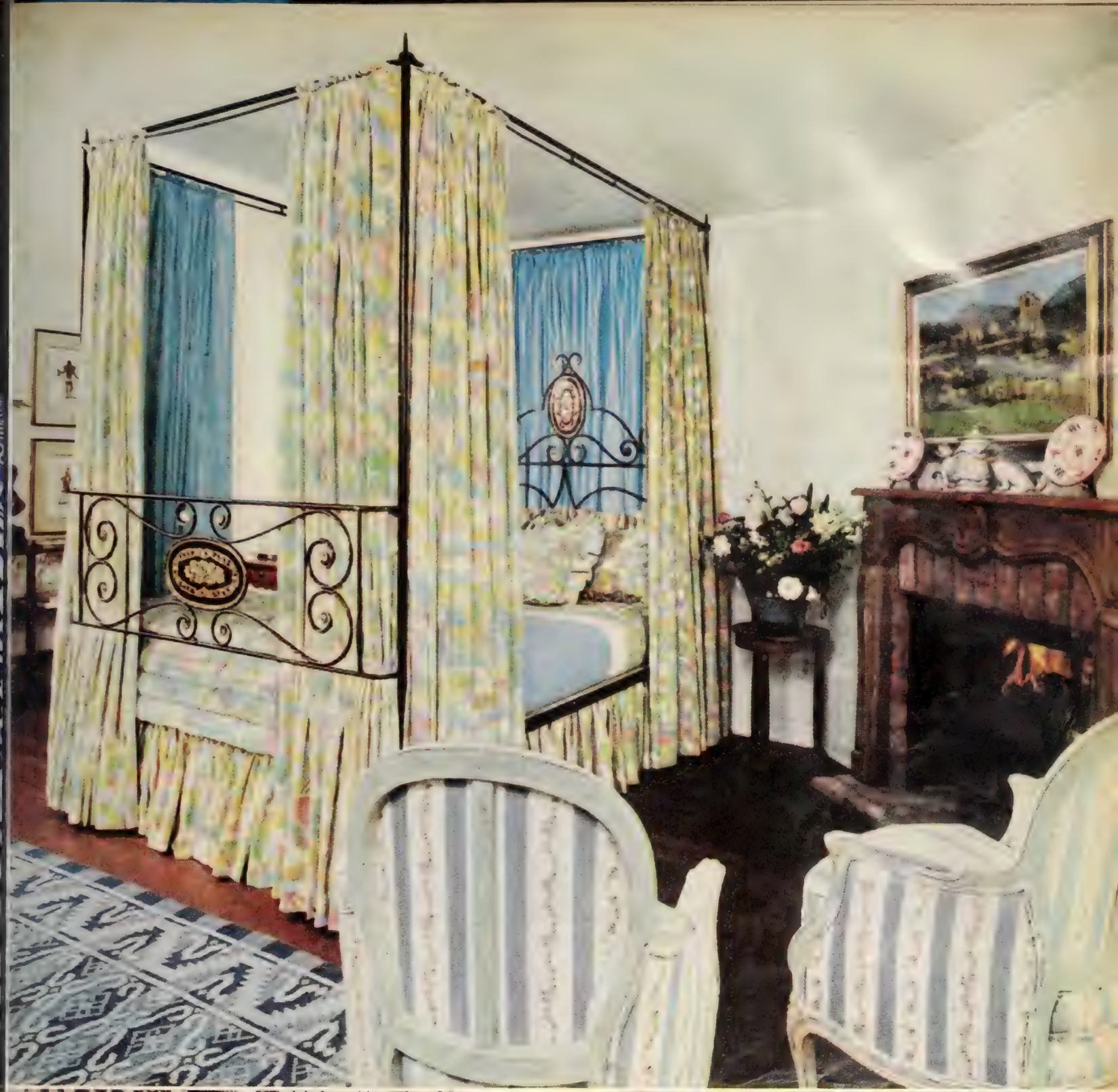
PRESENT PLEASURES FROM PATTERNS OF THE PAST





THESE TEXTILE TREASURES from Fieldcrest via the Smithsonian Institution point up the mysterious truth that a good design is usable in any era. Among the seven patterns of the "American Treasures" collection, none is a merely sentimental, nostalgic amusement. The original of "Double Bowknot," the cotton coverlet above, was woven in Jackson County, Ohio, in 1867, but this "Double Muskadine" pattern occurred in 16th-century German damask tablecloths. Now it seems to have the geometry of a contemporary graphic. The same pattern in coordinated color is printed on bath towels (*left*). ***IN THIS PATCHWORK-CONSCIOUS DAY,*** young Aimee's carefully assembled patterning of bits and pieces suggests a design eye sophisticated beyond her years or era. "Aimee's Patchwork" is printed on percale sheets edged in eyelet embroidery (*far right*) and also on a comforter, used here as a bedspread (*above right*). Lined in blue sheeting, the patchwork pattern curtains and dust-ruffles an English iron four-poster. ***SIMILARLY AGELESS,*** the "Oak Chest Flower" towel pattern (*right*), takes its motif from the carved front panel of a 17th-century Hartford, Conn., chest, but its stylized sunflowers and tulips have a contemporary quality. This heritage collection, shown here in guestrooms in the home of Interior Designer Clifford H. Stanton, is available at Marshall Field, Chicago.

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The dining room (*left*) is seen through the parted strands of a light curtain. The chandelier (*above*) is made of "Tivoli" light tubes mingled with random geometric chunks of cut-and-polished acrylic. The dining furniture is by Brookfield and the bronze sculpture on the sideboard is by Allen Goldstein. The china is "Shalimar" by Franciscan. In the living room (*right*), the boldly patterned sofa pillows are washable (made so by a new chemical process) cowhide suede from Contemporary Hides. The angular brass table lamp behind the sofa on the left is by Sonneman. The plastic coffee table in the right foreground and the buffet table on the patio beyond were designed by Jim Barron of Acrylic Image.

GEORGE R. SZANIK

HIGH-VOLTAGE EXCITEMENT, low-energy expenditure

By JAMES DE LONG □ **Although light is a way of life to Designer Charles Burke, he is undismayed by the energy shortage. Looking upon it as an opportunity to prove his contention that "bare-bulb America" has been oversold in its conspicuous consumption of high-voltage electricity, he has demonstrated his concept of proper lighting by showering his own Los Angeles hillside home with firefly-like curtains of low-energy illumination. Burke feels that this system—named "Tivoli" in remembrance of the nighttime lighting magic of Copenhagen's celebrated Tivoli gardens—will not only revolutionize the field of interior and exterior lighting design, but will also save us a bundle of energy. The openable curtain that he has installed in his living room (right) consumes less electricity than two standard 100-watt light bulbs, yet illuminates an entire wall—and with dramatic effect. It consists of suspended tubes of rigid Lucite holding seed-sized incandescent light bulbs, with alternating strips of clear sheet plastic to act as free-swinging reflectors. Each tiny lamp draws only ¼-watt of power and will last for half a century.**









Built-in flexibility allows a nearly unlimited range of imaginative applications

The Tivoli system was conceived by Ben George, a former commercial pilot who applied his inventive genius to the development of miniaturized lighting for aircraft instrument panels. Now, in team with Charles Burke, he has turned this technologic triumph into a brilliant design medium. In addition to the rigid components of the light curtain, he produces a flexible tube made of Lexan plastic, similarly lighted with internal strings of Lilliputian lamps, that can be easily bent to follow any contour. In a stunning demonstration of their myriad possibilities, he has "sketched" the structural outline of a hand-wrought iron gazebo in Burke's garden (*far right*) with these continuous pencil-thin strips of bendable illumination. The progressive effects of visual enchantment, from the moment that the lights are turned on at pale twilight (*inset*) until the fall of total darkness, are achieved with little more power than is required to operate an ordinary reading lamp. The gazebo itself, covered with a baked-enamel finish to enhance its reflectivity, was manufactured by The Presidio Co. Seen through its graceful arabesques (*near right*), a table set with a cool course of gazpacho awaits evening revelers. The furniture is from Tropitone and the earthenware setting is Franciscan "Picnic." The basic elements of Tivoli can assume any shape. Yet another facet of Tivoli versatility—the embedment of flexible lighted tubing into the joints of tile and other masonry surfaces—is illustrated in two settings (*above*) at Burke's Los Angeles showroom. In the game table scene at left, the background light-curtain is supplemented by a subtle dotted line of floor light in the foreground. The Oriental rug is from Decorative Carpets. In the dining area at right, the light-traced floor pattern of the Interpace "Terra Grande" ceramic tile merges into a tile wall-mural created by Burke and Design Associate, Michael Dalke. The glass chandelier is from Italy, the china is Franciscan's "Royal Renaissance." In both showroom scenes, the mirror-finished aluminum tables and chairs are made by Brookfield Furniture Co.

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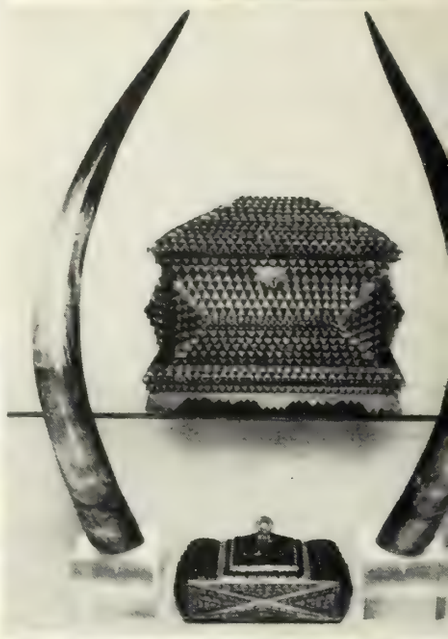


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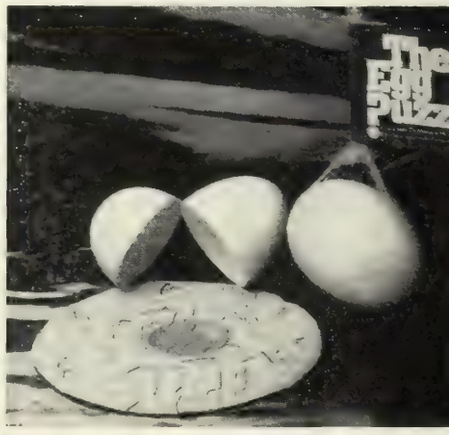
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The perfect gift . . . a hand-picked symbol of friendship, love, respect or thanks; a delight to those who receive it; a pleasure to those who give it. Easy as it sounds, it's no cinch to find—even for the closest of friends. In search of that elusive something, we struggle, each of us, not to overdo or underdo, to find the one perfection appropriate and wanted for each person. Since thinking up the ideas is the worst of the battle, we offer on these eight pages a few mind-jogging suggestions culled by our editors—from 25 cents to $650 (though all prices are subject to change)—to help you find the very thing for each person.

This page, top left: Sparkling silver and glass, always elegant offerings. Kirk's silver-plated cooler, eight inches high, with wood handles and lid to make it into an ice bucket; $50. Four glasses with silver base trim and companion glass decanter encased in checkerboard silver; $375 for the set, at Gucci. A cluster of silver bud vases, each for the bliss of a single rose—or several; 5¼-inch vase, $17.50; seven-inch vase, $23.50; eight-inch, $42; the 10-inch, $50; from Cartier.

Lower left: Not meant as a hint to the receiver, but simply as a stylish new bathoom accessory, this contoured and colorful digital scale is battery-operated and comes in blue, brown or red; "Kiloptic," $30 by Terraillon Corp. The Trimline telephone, one of the new cordless versions that can move indoors or out—up to within 600 feet of the house to receive calls or dial out; the perfect extension, "Portaphone," $350, by Telephonics Inc.

Top right: For cat lovers (ailurophiles to you), pure ornament: wo Lalique frosted crystal cats, one sitting, one lying down; $230 each, available at Ginori Fifth Avenue.

Center right: For friends up on decorating style, finely polished steer horns on Lucite, 30 inches high, $225 the pair, and "Hobo" boxes, a traditional craft to pass the time for wanderers the world over, each one of a kind, made of hand-carved beveled wood, large size $125 and small size $45. All from John Rosselli.

Lower right: A playful amusement for all ages—especially dedicated to the person "who has everything"—the Egg Puzzle, designed by Neal Small, is a big white egg that opens to bare a fried egg puzzle; $3.50 at The Museum of Modern Art Christmas Shop.

Opposite, top to bottom: Bright collages are by Jane Cohler & Associates, "The ABC's" and "Ferns for All Seasons," each 15 by 18 inches and $40; with custom color schemes $10 extra; both glazed for durability with ⅛-inch Plexiglas and available at The Gazebo. A Sesame Street Anything Muppet made by Child Guidance; $6.99 at department and toy stores. He sits in a sturdy Haitian basket that comes in a variety of sizes, $15 to $70, at The Gazebo. The bench for country living has a straw seat and an unfinished wood frame. It is $15 at Greek Island Ltd. Brown-and-white saddle shoes are plastic planters, $17.50 each at Bergdorf Goodman. A burlap lookalike that encases an ice bucket with rope handles, $14; tray, $8; and six glasses, all for $9; also from Bergdorf Goodman. Casual containers all: "Bread" is 12 inches long, $8.50; "Farm Fresh Butter," $6.50; "Cheese," $15, and "Mom's Homemade Pie," $5.50, all available from Jenny B. Goode Inc.

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NO HOOKS
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This page, top left: For collectors, the sixth Wedgwood Jasperware Christmas plate and mug, illustrating the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Bridge. Both are limited editions, $45 each, at Bloomingdale's, B. Altman & Co. and other stores across the United States.

Center left: A cascade of pillows, from top to bottom: embroidery on black, $55 at Greek Island Ltd.; Art Deco inspiration in shades of orange and off-white, $18, by Cheshire at Gimbels; embroidered white pillow, $56 at Greek Island Ltd.; washable white hand-painted and quilted bouquet, $50, by J. Hope Designs at The Gazebo. Others are a variety of ginghams and polka dots with appliquéd designs—daisy, butterfly, Bonnet Girl, frog, snail, elephant—$17 each from Ribbons'N Things.

Lower left: A battery-run clock, $59 at Design Research.

Top left center: "A Sportsman's Set" (for sportspersons all) includes two steel Stanley quart bottles and a steel sandwich box in a leatherlike carrying case, about $75 at Abercrombie & Fitch.

Top right center: Fireside stockings, one a patchwork flower, $10, and three of woven ribbons, $20 each; all by Ribbons 'N Things, available at Buffum's. The quilted bib with monkey appliqué, $6, at The Gazebo. "Snooty Fox" in a bright red jacket; $25 from Bellport House Ltd. "Hungry Bunny," $6.50, and "Cuddle Duck," $6, are companions designed by Gillian Bradshaw-Smith for Possum Trot, at Bloomingdale's. Six little *papier mâche* dolls, $9 each, from The Gazebo. Doormice doorstoppers, weighted; each $8.50 plus $2 shipping, at The Queen's Museum.

Center: Two pinch-shaped flower vases, a handsome team at $5.95 and $11.95. Four of a set of six liqueur glasses, designed by Aseda; from Sweden, $16.50 the set. All from Design Research.

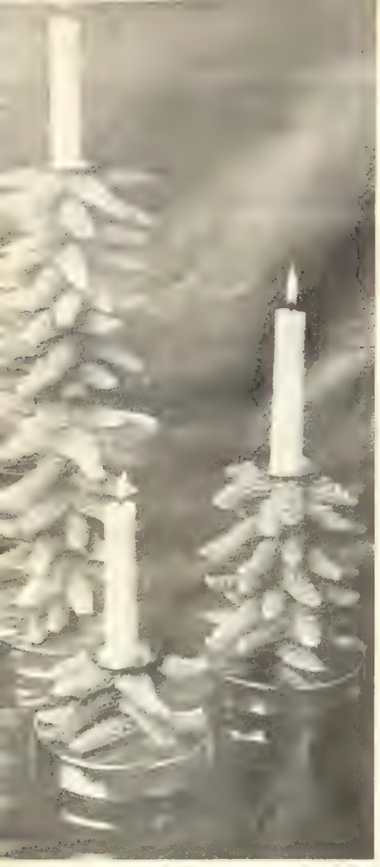
Top right: Hand-blown glass stemware and tumblers, each $5 from Maiden Sun Inc.; South Jersey pitcher, $40, and lily pad sugar bowl, $16, both from Liberty Village; tortoise-pattern ashtrays, $44 each available from Objets Plus.

Center right: Maverick electronic calculator by Commodore Business Machines Inc., cigarette-pack size, has a denim-look cover, real denim pouch, $40.

Lower right: Maribu paint sets priced from 25 cents to $8.50; from Design Research. A box of 28 wood dominoes with contemporary graphic designs, $4.25, from Creative Playthings.

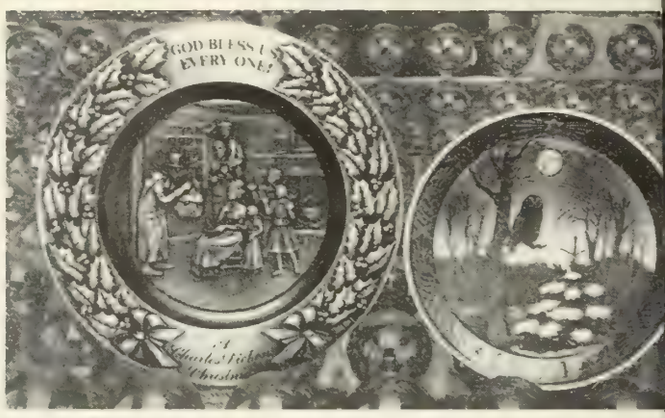
Opposite, top to bottom: South African mats, set of six, $13 at Henri Bendel. Art Deco lamp by Sunset, $100. The two bamboo cachepots, each $35 from Robert Webb Inc. Five hand-painted plates, made in Siena, $11.75 each at the Mediterranean Shop. Serving plate, hand-thrown and glazed, $40 at Diane Love. Chinese porcelain rooster, $35 at Asian House Inc. *Papier mâche* Burmese gilt box, $20 at Limited Editions. Silver horse head bookends, $125 for the pair at Gucci. All on a Colombian wool blanket, 60-inch twin, $60; 80-inch double, $80, available at Sermoneta Imports.





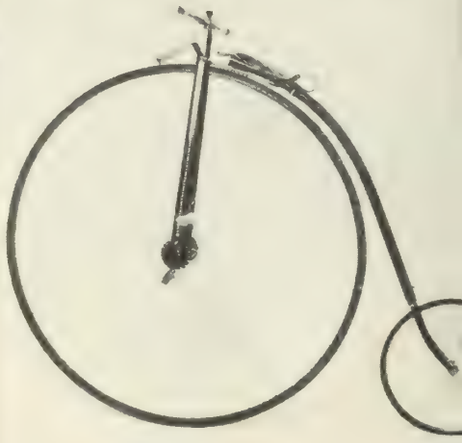












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This page, top left: Starfish—the real thing—stacked to build candlestick holders, two starfish, $17; four, $32.50; six, $52.50; from Bloomingdale's.

Lower left: The art of hand-crafting silver shines forth in a pumpkin-shaped pewter ice bucket with a 12-inch diameter, $180 (16-inch size, $220), and silver-plated pitcher with a handmade elephant head handle, $160; both Italian imports at Bottega Veneta. Silver-and-wood 1930 Art Deco tea set, $650, from Carol Ferranti.

Top Center: *Millefleurs* plate with stand, $18.50 from Asian House Inc. Four Royal Copenhagen 1974 annual mugs in a blue-and-gray hand-painted faïence; in five-ounce size (shown), $14, and 24-ounce with silver disc for engraving, $35, at Royal Copenhagen Porcelain. Partying won't make a dent in this coaster set; $10 for the six, at Bloomingdale's.

Lower center: Three revivals from nostalgic days; *Harper's Bazar* cover reproduction, about $30, and Louis Icart's parasolled lady, about $40, both published by Ad-Tiques Corp.; and an Art Deco fashion scene, about $13; all framed, through Turner Decorative Accessories, available nationally.

Top right: For those on the go, a Mini Converter Kit, with two converters (one for heating, one for motorized appliances), $26.95, from T. Anthony Ltd. Miniswiss two-inch-square travel alarm clock, $37.50 from the Horchow Collection. Mail scale with brass tray; eight-ounce size, $18.50; 16-ounce (shown), $25, from Hammacher Schlemmer. Tape measure for inches and centimeters in a metal case covered in black or red leather; includes mercury level and pencil holder so it can be used like a compass, $12.50, at Mark Cross.

Center right: On the left, International Silver's limited edition pewter plate for Christmas 1974, Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*; $75. At right, Royal Copenhagen's 1974 plate, a winter night scene in hand-painted blue faïence, $22 at Royal Copenhagen Porcelain.

Lower right: A Gay Nineties bicycle, newly manufactured to take after the original "Ordinary" bicycle of the late 19th century; $575, at Hammacher Schlemmer.

Opposite, top to bottom: "Woodland" wool rug, four by six size, $155, by Regal Rugs. Ethiopian gourd containers, 15 inches high, $21; eight inches, $12; at John Rosselli. An antique English scale, $160 at B. Altman & Co. Baskets, handmade by the Tukano Indians of the Colombian Amazon; $10.50; $12.50, $14.50, from Sermoneta Imports. Stacking drawer system of ABS plastic in white, yellow, green or cordovan; three for $50; five for $80; from Beylerian Ltd. China with hand-printed strawberry motif on a black ground: dinner plate, $11; cup and saucer, $10; coffee set, $40; from Bergdorf Goodman. Another set in "English Garden" with hand-painted flowers; demitasse cups and saucers, $84; sugar bowl and creamer, $69; coffee pot, $62; by Denby Limoges Porcelain. Vinyl placemats that simulate malachite-and-lapis lazuli, 12 by 17 inches; $30 for a box of four, from Edgar Watkins/Cubics. Green plastic carry-all tray, $4.95, from Design Research. Iranian hand-painted pottery dish, $5 from Maiden Sun Inc. Cloisonné enamel Art Deco box, c. 1920, $500 at Carol Ferranti.





















Opposite, from top to bottom: Chinese umbrella stand in a blue-and-white Hawthorne design, $119, from Asian House Inc. Umbrellas, $14 to $30, at Henri Bendel. Spool candlesticks, among the last of the wooden spools from New England mills, from $2 to $6 at The Gazebo. Beneath the candles, Martex Lap-Naps in the "Paris Out of Town" collection, each the size of a dishtowel, to be used as napkins; two of seven different designs shown, approximately $1.75 each, at Saks Fifth Avenue and others. Chinese low bowl in "Famille Rose" design, a muted pink, $39, from Sara Li Chy Ltd. Sitting on it, a Buddah in simulated ivory, six inches high, $22.50, from Sara Li Chy Ltd. A pair of rabbit bookends in ivory-like finish, $24 the pair at Lord & Taylor. Quilted placemats of colorful floral stripes come in a set of four with napkins, $35 the set, from The Gazebo. Contemporary hand-blown glass in traditional cobalt blue: a Captain's decanter, $29.50; free-blown wine glass, $9, and six-sided tumbler, $6; from Liberty Village (catalogue, $1).

This page, top left: White porcelain Pekinese, $88, by Tyndale; Persian pewter bird on Lucite, $90 at John Rosselli. Art Deco design black ceramic cougar, today's interpretation, $105, by Tyndale.

Center left: Six-tiled wrought-iron table with hand-painted peacock by Louise Clarke, 12 by 18 by 20 inches, $130 at The Queen's Museum. Magazine rack in light mahogany, $150 by Knob Creek of Morganton. The Fong planter, made of aluminum and designed by Miller Fong, $35, available at Bloomingdale's and Lord & Taylor.

Lower left: Mosquito chaser repels those insects with a battery-run buzzer, worn on a belt; $25 at T. Anthony Ltd.

Top Center: To organize the desk in the latest style, a contemporary wooden stamp set includes "Express," "Printed Matter," "Registered," "Air Mail" and "Personal." Designed by Bruno Munari, the set is $22.50 at the Museum of Modern Art Christmas Shop. A most stylish letter holder, the Italian-made trout comes in gold or silver finish, 11 inches long; $45 plus $2.50 postage, from Clifford H. Stanton Interiors. The magnifying glass, encased in black molded Lucite, $8 from Limited Editions. Plexiglas clips designed by Millicent Zahn read "Hold" and "Must;" $9 each at Bergdorf Goodman.

Lower center: For a kitchen, family room or child's room, these stools are available in standard sizes from foot-rests to bar height, hand-painted in custom designs. Here, the designs are funny animals: zebra, 30 inches high, $75; horse and bird, each eight inches high, $35; at WEG. An old-fashioned rocking horse, $40, from the Rochester Folk Art Guild (catalogue, 75 cents).

Top right: A family of bears, Momma, Poppa and Baby; each, easy puzzles. Momma and Poppa, $13.95 each; Baby, $11.95. The Rabbit is $13.95. All available from Design Research.

Center right: Gorham's 1974 Christmas snowflake in silver, $17.50 from Shreve, Crump & Low and other stores.

Lower right: Wicker bottle carrier comes in tortoise-look finish, $25 at Jenny B. Goode Inc. The Cold Duck Cooler: Freeze the pieces before using; they'll cool on-table for three hours. By Glacierware Inc., available for $7.95 at Hammacher Schlemmer.

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By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN □ **Visually perched out over Manhattan's East River, this light, airy duplex apartment epitomizes the work of Washington, D.C., Architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen. But if you had seen it a year earlier, when an investment banker and his psychotherapist wife bought it, you'd have doubted that even Jacobsen could so transform it. Its original windows showed only a glimpse of the sky; murals of drapery swags were painted below heavy cove moldings on the dark walls, and the black terrazzo floor in the entry was inset with pink lotus blossoms. Large new windows (brought up the side of the building with a crane) visually enlarged the space, now separated from the foyer only by three bronze-colored glass panels, and opened it up to views of F.D.R. Island. Within, it's now a cosmopolitan setting of white walls, sleek modern furniture floating on a white carpet and a Yoshihara painting.**

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This family with five children had previously lived in a suburban house on Lake Michigan near Chicago and then spent a 3½-year stay in Washington, D.C., also in a large house. When they moved to New York, they purposely chose to live in the heart of the city. "We wanted the children to experience all the options, and they certainly understood the suburbs," explain the owners. "Now they adore the freedom of the city." With seven bedrooms, two libraries, two maid's rooms and a large kitchen with Mexican tile floor (*below right*), the apartment has more than 6,500 square feet of living space—far exceeding that in most suburban houses. Eleanor Patera of Winnetka, Ill., assisted the owners on the interior design, and her touch can be seen here in the blue batik bedspread in the master bedroom (*below left*), the print on library sofas (*above*) and the Oriental rug in the dining room (*right*). The dining room walls, now lined with drawers and intricate fittings, were all draped with fabric when the apartment was purchased. Jacobsen uncovered the walls and added new windows here and in the library to open these rooms, too, to light and views.

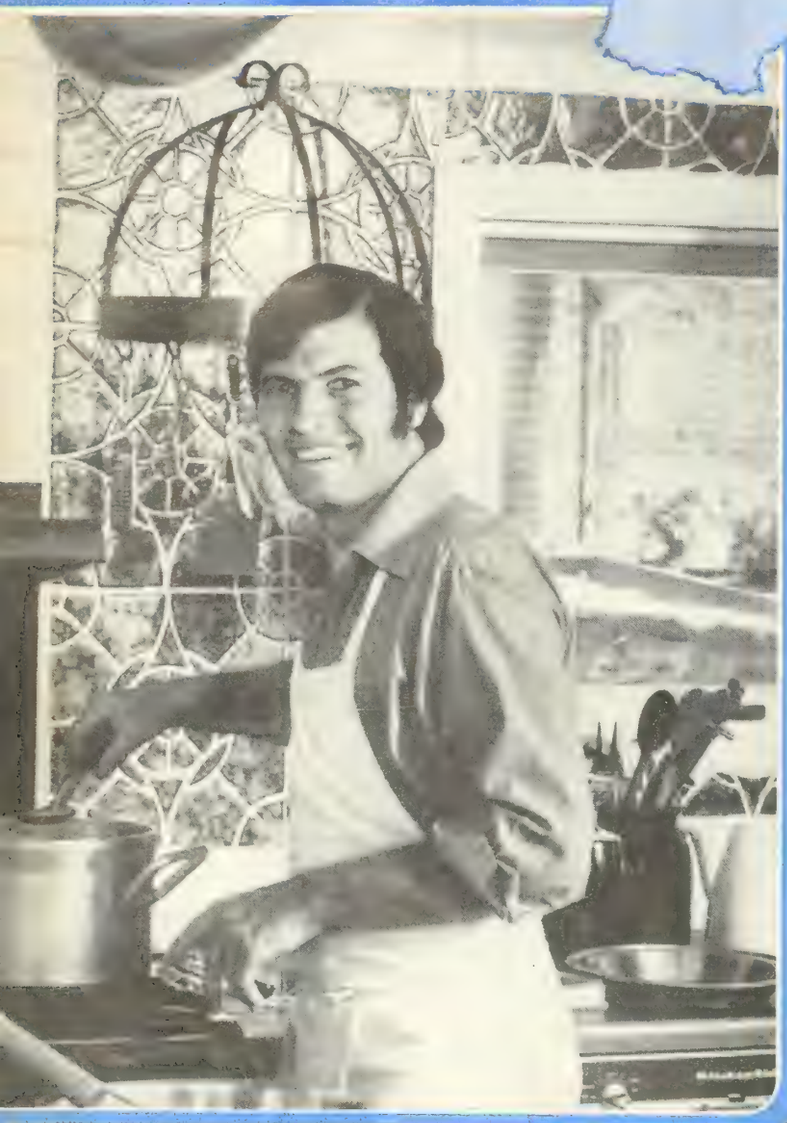
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By JACQUES PEPIN

This is a continuation of my French Country Cooking series published last year. Then I explored a *secteur denté* on the east side of France that encompasses Bresse, Lyonnais and the Dauphine. This second series starts with La Savoie (Savoy), which forsook Italy to become a French province in 1860. Many authorities insist that gastronomy played as vital a role as politics because the cuisine had always been essentially French in character. Like the Dauphinois, the Savoyards had always prepared a variation of *gratin de pommes de terre* with potatoes and cheese, and they ate the same fish and game as their neighbors. Savoy is jagged with mountains of unsurpassed beauty crowned by Mont-Blanc, the highest peak of the Alps. Blanketed by snow in the winter, it attracts hordes to the fashionable ski resorts, Chamonix and Megève, both of which are a skier's paradise. Equally captivating to the elegant and sophisticated are the Savoy's world renowned spas, *Aix-les-Bains* and *Evian-les-Bains*, famous for their thermal treatments. You will find many great "starred" restaurants in the province, such as *L'Auberge du Père Bise* and *Garcin* in Talloires on Lake Annecy, *L'Auberge de Savoie* in Annecy and *Le Mont Carmel* in Chambèry All offer the *omble chevalier*, probably the finest of all fresh-water fish. No one has exalted the *Lac Bourget* as did Lamartine, the great French romantic poet, whose work is marked by his preoccupation with nature and everyone must be familiar with the celebrated love affair of Chopin and Georges Sand, who spent many an idyllic moment dallying along the shores of the Savoy's spectacular lakes. But it was Jean-Jacques Rousseau who first praised the frightening beauty of the Alps in *La Nouvelle Heloise* and *Les Rêveries du Promeneur Solitaire*. Les Charmettes, a little hamlet near Chambèry, described at great length in his *Les Confessions*, was immortalized by the author's liaison with Madame de Warrens. During World War II, my brother Roland and I were sent to the Savoy for several months to stay with farmers in two tiny villages, *Montbrunel* (which was destroyed by the Germans) and *Montwernier*. The women of Savoy, who reigned supreme in the kitchen at that time, made bread only every two weeks. It was then taken to the baker to be baked in his big round oven. Brought back to the farmer's house, the huge loaves were put on a shelf, where they became very crusty and hard on the outside but tender and delicious inside. Our dinner, the main meal of the day, started with cheese and bread, followed by a salad, maybe potatoes and, curiously, we finished with soup, which was essentially sliced bread with more cheese and bouillon made with vegetables, perhaps some meat, and herbs. Our diet was very simple.

The Savoy's cuisine is unparalleled for its fresh lake fishes, the finest of which is the *omble Chevalier* or char, also *fera* (a sweet tender fish similar to trout), trout, salmon trout and pike. The river fish, *lotte*, not to be confused with *lotte de mer*, is highly prized for its large liver. There is even a popular old saying, "*Pour un foie de lotte, la femme fondrait sa cotte et l'homme sa culotte*" (For a liver of lotte, a woman would sell her petticoat and a man his britches).

The fruit is extraordinary, *fraises de bois* (tiny wild strawberries) as well as raspberries, mulberries, blueberries and cranberries, all growing in the mountains. The Savoy is, of course, most famous for its cheeses, the most renowned being Reblochon (meaning "second milking"). One of the finest cheeses of France, it derives its name from the early practice of making the cheese from the day's second yield. Disc shaped, soft in consistency, with a pale crust, it has a very subtle flavor. The Savoy also has its various types of Tommes, the most famous being Tomme de Savoie and Tomme de Sixt. The Savoy's version of Gruyère is called Beaufort. Not quite on a par with Reblochon, it comes in a large wheel. Cut, there is almost a complete absence of holes. When eaten too fresh, it is still slightly sour, still with the taste of milk.

The most famous white wines are Crépy, Seyssel (both these wear *appéllations controllés*). Maretel and Bossey and a few rare red wines, such as Aigueblanche and Conflans, which you would certainly want to enjoy if you were in the Savoy. In their place, in this country, you would serve a good Côte-Rôtie or Beaujolais. It is significant that Chambèry, one of the centers of French vermouth manufacture, is within reach of the never-ending supplies of mountain herbs. Two of the best known are Noilly and Boissières.

The following are typical dishes of the Savoy: **Croûte de Fromage Savoyarde*** (Cheese Shell Savoy Style), **Brochet, Sauce Genoise*** (Pike with Red Wine Sauce), **Gratin Savoyard*** (Potato and Cheese au Gratin), **Omelette Savoyarde*** (Bacon and Potato Omelet), **Fondue Savoyarde*** (Cheese Fondue, Savoy Style) and **Biscuit de Savoie avec Poires au Citron*** (Savoy Sponge Cake with Pears in Caramel Syrup).

FONDUE SAVOYARDE

(Cheese Fondue, Savoy style)

2 tablespoons sweet butter
2 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and chopped into a purée
2 cups dry white wine
1 cups coarsely grated Gruyère or Swiss cheese (about 1 pound)
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
French or Italian bread, cut into 1½ inch cubes

Melt butter, add garlic and sizzle for a few seconds. Add the wine, salt, a good deal of pepper and bring to a boil. Add the cheese and melt over a low flame, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula, until smooth and creamy and the fondue comes to a boil. Serve at once. Serves four.

The fondue is placed in the center of the table over a low heat. To eat, each guest spears a piece of bread with a fork, dips it into the fondue and as it's lifted out, twists the fork. Anyone who loses one of the croutons in the fondue owes a liter of wine to the party. The trick, to forestall this ignominy, is to puncture the bread right through the soft part. This helps to hold it on the fork.

OMELETTE SAVOYARDE

¼ pound (5 or 6 slices) lean bacon
2 tablespoons sweet butter
1 medium potato, peeled and finely diced (about ¼ inch cubes)
1 leek bulb, washed and sliced into thin rounds
8 eggs
Salt to taste
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
½ cup finely diced Gruyère or Swiss cheese (2 ounces)
3 or 4 sprigs parsley, minced

Blanch the bacon in salted water. Drain, dry with paper towels and fry until brown. Lift the bacon to paper towels to drain. Add the potato and fry in the hot fat for five to six minutes. Add the well-washed, sliced leek and cook for one or two minutes on low heat.

Break the eggs into a bowl, season with salt and pepper and beat well. Add the potatoes, leek, bacon and parsley.

Melt the butter in a heavy 12-inch wide skillet (if you don't have an extra large skillet, make two omelets). When the butter is sizzling, pour in the egg mixture and stir gently as the omelet cooks. Take care not to overcook. The egg should be slightly runny. At this point, the omelet should be flipped over or placed under the broiler for one or two minutes.

Then it is slid like a big pancake onto a heated serving plate. Serves four.

CROÛTES DE FROMAGE SAVOYARDE

(Ham and Cheese Shell)

1 recipe for pâte brisée
12 slices good boiled ham (about one pound)
12 slices Beaufort or good imported Swiss cheese (about one pound)
Freshly ground black pepper

Roll the pâte brisée dough into a long rectangle (about 16 to 17 inches long by eight to nine inches wide). Place on a cookie sheet and prick the dough with a fork. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 18 to 20 minutes. Take from the oven and cool a few minutes. Cut the dough into six squares. Cover each square with two slices of ham and top with two slices of cheese. Place under the broiler for six to eight minutes or until the cheese has melted and nicely browned. Sprinkle with pepper and serve immediately. Serves six deliciously.

PÂTE BRISÉE FINE

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
¾ cup (1½ sticks) sweet butter, very cold, cut into ¼ inch pieces
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon granulated sugar
Generous ⅓ cup cold water

Mix the flour, salt and sugar together. Add the ¾ cup butter and mix for a few seconds (*For continuation of Savoie recipes, turn to the following page*)

with your fingers (the pieces of butter should still show). Add the water, gather the dough into a ball and knead on a lightly floured board or cloth for about one minute. The dough should be kneaded long enough so it develops some body but not so much that it becomes elastic and dry. (Some pieces of butter should still show in a few places.) If the dough should become too elastic to be used right away, allow it to rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes or longer before rolling it out.

Pâte Brisée Fine can be frozen successfully. Store in a freezer bag, all the air squeezed out and tied securely.

BROCHET SAUCE GENOISE

(Pike with Red Wine Sauce)

2 pike (about 1¾ pounds each; scaled and cleaned)
2 yellow onions peeled and chopped fine (¾ cup)
6 to 8 shallots peeled and chopped fine (½ cup)
1 clove of garlic crushed, peeled and chopped fine (½ teaspoon)
2 carrots peeled and chopped fine (¾ cup)
¼ cup chopped parsley
1 bay leaf broken into pieces
¼ teaspoon thyme
¼ teaspoon of whole black pepper crushed fine (can be done with a rolling pin)
1½ teaspoon salt
1 bottle (1½ pints) of good dry red wine (Beaujolais, Mâcon, Corbières, etc.)
4 tablespoons (½ stick) sweet butter, softened
1½ teaspoons anchovy paste (or about six fillets in oil mashed)
1 teaspoon cornstarch

Place the onions, shallots, garlic, carrots, parsley, bay leaf, thyme, pepper, ½ teaspoon of the salt and the wine in a heavy saucepan (not aluminum because of discoloration). Bring to a high boil and continue to boil for about fifteen minutes or until the liquid has reduced by approximately half.

Sprinkle the fish with remaining salt inside and outside and rub with *1 tablespoon of the butter*. Place in a baking dish, pour the wine mixture and one cup of water over the fish. Bring to a boil on top of the stove, cover with wax paper, and place in a preheated 425° oven for about 15 minutes. Lift the fish to a heated serving platter and keep warm.

Pour the juices into a saucepan. Place over a high heat, and reduce by about one third (about three to four minutes.). Meanwhile, combine the remaining butter, the anchovy paste and the cornstarch. Add to the wine mixture and whip well with a wire whisk. Bring to a boil. Take off the heat at once. Pour the sauce over the fish.

Serve immediately, carving it at the dining-room table. Serves six.

GRATIN SAVOYARD

(Potato and Cheese *au Gratin*)

The 'gratin Savoyard' is usually made with 'Beaufort', a Swiss cheese from the Savoy. If unavailable, replace with a good Swiss cheese.

6 tablespoons (¾ stick) sweet butter
3 pounds of good mealy potatoes, sliced very thin (about 7 cups sliced)
2 cups grated Beaufort cheese
1¼ cups good chicken stock
¾ teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
1 teaspoon of salt
⅛ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Peel the potatoes and slice very thin by hand or with a slicer. Place the slices in cold water. Butter heavily an *au gratin* dish (we used one measuring 11¼x7½ x1¾). Mix the salt, pepper and nutmeg together. Drain the potatoes and set the oven at 425°.

Place a third of the potatoes in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with one third of the seasonings, a third of the cheese and a third of the butter. Repeat the layers until all the ingredients have been used. Add the chicken stock and place the dish on a cookie sheet (this helps to distribute the heat evenly and to start the cooking at the bottom as well as the top. In addition it serves to catch any spillage). Bake approximately 70 minutes. By this time, all the liquid (except for the butter) should have evaporated from the potatoes and the top should be nicely browned.

Take from the oven and allow the *gratin* to set for 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Serves six.

BISCUIT DE SAVOIE AVEC POIRES GOURMANDES

(Savoy Sponge Cake with Pears)

A specialty of Savoy but a classic of French cooking, this 'sponge cake' is closely related to Génoise. It may be used plain or made into a pastry or even be used for a wedding cake.

5 large eggs at room temperature, separated
⅔ cup granulated sugar
⅓ cup cake flour
⅓ cup cornstarch
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon sweet butter, melted butter and flour to coat a nine-inch cake pan, 1½ inches deep

Butter and flour the cake pan. Then chill in the refrigerator.

Place the yolks, sugar, and vanilla in a large bowl and beat well with a wire whip for two or three minutes or until the mixture is pale yellow. Mix in the flour and the butter.

Beat the egg whites until they hold firm shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Pick up about one third of the whites with a wire whip and beat into the yolk mixture. Fold in the remaining whites with a rubber spatula.

Pour into the prepared pan, place on a cookie sheet and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 25 minutes. Cool the cake in the pan until lukewarm. To turn out, run a knife around the edge of the pan and invert the pan on a wire rack. Refrigerate, covered with a plastic wrap.

POIRES GOURMANDES

(Pears in Caramel Syrup)

6 pears (Bartlett, Comice or Anjou)
4 tablespoons (½ stick) sweet butter
½ cup granulated sugar*
Grated rind 1 lemon
Juice 1 lemon, strained

Peel, quarter and core the six pears.

In a large, heavy saucepan melt the butter over moderate heat. Stir in the sugar and then cook, stirring from time to time with a wooden spatula, for about 10 to 12 minutes or until the mixture has turned a caramel color. As you stir, it is important to get right down to the bottom and curves of the pan.

When the butter and sugar have reached the right color, add the pears, lemon rind and juice. Cover the saucepan, place over very low heat and cook for about 30 minutes, turning the pears from time to time, but taking great care not to mash the fruit.

At the end of the cooking time, the caramel in the saucepan should be rich and thick. If not, remove the cover, and raise the heat to evaporate any additional liquid. Watch very carefully to make sure the caramel does not burn. If it seems to be browning too fast, take off the heat immediately. Once the pears are finished, seal with Saran wrap and chill for at least two hours. Serves six.

Next month I will present Le Revillon, a typical French Christmas Eve dinner—**Oie Farcie Rotie, aux Pommes** and **Bûche de Nöel, les pièces de résistance.** And in January, I'll delve into the great cooking of Provence.

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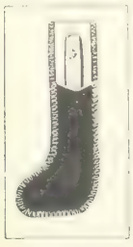
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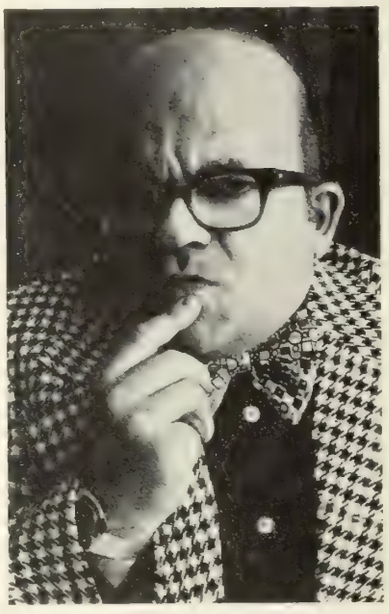
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FOOD

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in lettuce leaves, the Chinese-style, will make a fascinating addition to any buffet; Potted Shrimp is another example. I sometimes serve fresh figs or spears of melon with prosciutto (we can get a reasonably good facsimile in the U.S.) or melon spears wrapped in crisp bacon or figs and bacon; marinated prunes stuffed with nuts (almonds, pecans or filberts) and wrapped in bacon, then broiled, are extremely good and depart from the norm. The list of good things to serve is endless and is limited only by the imagination of the host or hostess.

"For a smaller gathering, let's say, 12, and, again, completely informal, I would serve a very good wine, a *gougère* or a sausage board with a selection of prepared mustards and homemade bread. Reducing the party to six, again I would serve a good wine, sherry and/or Scotch; with nothing more than a variety of olives bathed in olive oil mixed with lemon rind. Before a dinner party, I rarely serve anything. Sometimes, but not always, olives. Primarily because I don't want my guests' appetites dulled before they approach my dinner table. There are instances, rather rare, when I serve a fine *pâté*—following which, we go directly to the dining room and directly to the *entrée*, which is, correctly, *'le premier plat du corps de repas'* (the first plate of the meal).

"The successful party, large or small, is the well-planned party—the invitations, the food, the drinks, the flowers, the help—all brought together. It really boils down to good showmanship and this does not mean extravagance but rather doing the very best you can with what you have. A good-looking postcard, printed with your name, address and telephone number ('regrets only'), the invitation written by hand, is every bit as inviting as the expensive engraved card that demands a formal answer. Fine quality paper napkins are far more satisfactory and more practical than linen cocktail napkins, which disappear forever into men's pockets. I have a large collection from other people's parties I'd be glad to donate to any worthy cause.

"Elaborate flower arrangements are a costly bore. As for help, that's a problem that confronts all of us these days. If there isn't any professional help available to you, let your children—borrow some children, if it's necessary—do the serving. They can add both grace and charm to your party. Remember this, it isn't the food or the décor or the drinks that make a party. *You* do, so make sure to have a good time!

"Although I might well be classified as informality incarnate, I'm old-fashioned enough to like—and I actually expect it—people to call up and thank me for 'a lovely time.' "

We haven't included a recipe for Veal Shoulder en Croute because the preparation of this cut of veal is so involved only the great Beard could persuade a market to attempt it. Further, the recipe is formidable! But here are other lovely dishes from the menu. . . .

Chili

6 tablespoons olive oil
6 medium yellow onions, peeled and sliced
3 pounds ground beef
3 cans (20-ounce size) peeled tomatoes
1 cup dry red wine
½ teaspoon Tabasco
4 to 6 tablespoons chili powder or to taste
2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon oregano
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons pine nuts
½ cup pitted black olives, chopped

Heat the oil in a large, heavy saucepan. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until tender. Do not brown. Stir in the ground meat and cook until lightly browned, breaking it up with a fork. Add all remaining ingredients except the pine nuts and olives. Cook over moderate heat for 45 minutes. Add the nuts and olives and cook another 20 minutes. Taste for seasoning.

Marinated Eye of Rib Roast

Six- to eight-pound eye of rib roast
Fresh ginger root, 8 to 10 thick slices
3 or 4 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
1 cup dry white wine
1½ cups soy sauce

Place the meat in a very large plastic bag. Mix all remaining ingredients and add to the bag. Squeeze out all air and tie securely. Place in a pan in case the bag leaks. Marinate for at least 24 hours, turning as often as you think of it, so the meat is well soaked.

Before roasting, make small gashes in the meat and insert slices of garlic and ginger.

Roast in a preheated 500° oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Turn off the heat and allow the roast to stand 20 minutes. Take out of the oven, place on a platter and allow to stand for 10 minutes before you carve it.

Gravlax
(Dill-cured Salmon)

4 to 5 pounds salmon (dressed weight), boned
⅔ cup salt
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon coarsely ground white pepper
Pinch saltpeter (optional)*
Fresh dill

Cut the salmon into two even pieces. Mix salt, sugar, pepper and saltpeter together and rub into the salmon well.

Place a thick layer of dill in a deep pan, then place a piece of salmon on top, skin side down. Sprinkle with remaining seasonings; cover with lots more dill. Place the second piece of salmon, skin side up, on top. Cover with a board and place a good weight on top. Refrigerate for 24 hours.

Note: In this delicious Scandinavian recipe, the salmon is not cooked. Serve with the traditional *Gravlaxsås*.

*The saltpeter is used to help retain the salmon's color.

Gravlaxsås
(Sauce to Serve with Gravlax)

4 tablespoons Dijon or Dusseldorf prepared mustard
1 teaspoon powdered mustard
3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons vinegar
⅓ cup olive oil
4 tablespoons minced fresh dill

Mix both mustards, sugar and vinegar together. Gradually beat in the oil. Finally, stir in the dill.

Polish Sausage Poached in Red Wine

Buy as many sausages as you think you'll need (they average from 1½ to two pounds).

To cook, place in a large heavy casserole. Add enough dry red wine to cover, then add the lid. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 40 to 45 minutes. Lift from the wine, and slice on the bias about one to 1¼ inches thick and arrange on heated serving platter.

Onion Sandwiches

This is a specialty of James Beard's that he originated a number of years ago—and they have been the delight of "cocktailers" ever since. In this recipe we have used very thin white bread but Beard frequently makes them with brioche.

Very thin firm white bread
Homemade mayonnaise
Sweet mild onions, peeled and sliced very thin
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Minced parsley

With slices of bread measuring four by four inches, you can cut two circles with a two-inch cutter. Do not include the crust. Spread a thin coating of mayonnaise on one side of each circle. Place an onion slice on one of the circles, sprinkle with salt and freshly ground pepper. Top with the other circle, mayonnaise side down. Brush the edge of each little sandwich with mayonnaise, then roll the edge in minced parsley. Arrange on a suitable serving platter; cover with a damp dish towel or napkin until serving time. We give you our word, you can't make enough of these.

James Beard's Country Terrine

2 pounds lean pork, coarsely chopped
2 pounds veal, finely chopped
1 pound ground pork liver
Several slices (about 1 pound) fresh side pork or fat back, in small dice
6 garlic cloves, peeled and ground with the liver or veal
3 eggs
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
⅓ cup whiskey or brandy
1 tablespoon basil
1 tablespoon salt
1½ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
Salt pork or bacon slices to line the terrine

Combine the meats in a large bowl and knead together well with your hands. Add the seasonings and work them in well. Melt a little butter and sauté a small knob of the mixture over high heat to taste for seasoning. This is important because the terrine needs a good salt content to bring out all the flavors.

Take a three-quart dish and line the bottom with the salt pork or bacon slices. Add the mixture, smooth the surface and place two slices of salt pork or bacon on top.

Place in a preheated 325° oven. Cover loosely with foil and bake for one hour; remove the foil and continue to bake another 1½ hours—a total of 2½ hours. (*Note:* The terrine will shrink from the sides when it is cooked.) Cool.

Before refrigerating, cover tightly with foil or place in a plastic bag and tie securely.

Gougère

1 recipe pâté à choux*
½ cup grated Swiss cheese
½ cup finely diced Swiss cheese
½ teaspoon Tabasco

Butter a cookie sheet.

Add the two cheeses and Tabasco to the *choux* paste, beating hard. Using a pastry bag with a large rosette tube, force the paste into a ring on the prepared sheet. Bake in a preheated 375° (*Continued*)

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oven until well puffed and brown or until the paste no longer sheds "tears." Serve warm.

**Pâté à Choux*

¼ cup butter
½ cup hot water
½ cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon sugar
2 eggs

Combine the butter and hot water in a saucepan and place over moderate heat. When the butter has melted and the water is boiling, add the flour, salt and sugar. Beat with a wooden spatula until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan and forms a ball in the middle. Lift the dough from the pan to the bowl of the electric mixer. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until the dough is waxy and smooth. ■

BORDEAUX

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Rothschild, if Baron Philippe is away, one may be entertained at Le Petit Mouton. This tiny château was built in 1883 by Baron James de Rothschild next to what is now the main residence, and it is richly furnished in Victorian style. It is a tradition at Mouton for the dining table to be decorated with a variety of flowers, and a recent selection included yellow roses, irises, small marguerites and wild purple orchids, each in its own little pot.

Pierre Ginestet at Margaux and Bertrand du Vivier at Malleret entertain their guests in large, formal dining rooms. At Malleret, a 1,000-acre estate in the Médoc where Comte du Vivier was born, a visitor will encounter familiar wine names not only in the cellar but in the racing stables as well, where thoroughbreds bear such names as Beaucaillou, Maléscot. Nenin, La Mission, Desmirail.

Loudenne, situated in the Médoc a few miles north of St. Estèphe, has been owned by the English firm of Gilbey's since 1875. Its resident director, Martin Bamford, has a particular interest in good food, an extensive cellar to draw on and a formal dining room staffed by two butlers in which to entertain the steady stream of guests that visit from May to October.

There is a different atmosphere at Prieuré-Lichine, where Alexis Lichine is in residence several months a year. He is an inveterate collector, and his living room is filled with objects acquired on his travels since he bought the Prieuré in 1951. The low-beamed dining room, transformed from the original kitchen, is dominated by a large bare oak table and decorated with bright copper pans on three walls. As Lichine and his guests eat their first course, they are likely to see the main course—shad, say, or an *entrecôte*—being grilled in the fireplace that takes up the fourth wall.

In America, guests are usually served cocktails and apéritifs for an hour or more before sitting down to dinner. In Bordeaux, as in London, the predinner cocktail hour is more likely to last only 20 minutes, the guests remain standing and as often than not, Champagne is the only drink offered.

Choosing a white wine to accompany the first course is less difficult than one might think, even in the Médoc, since a number of châteaux produce some white wine in addition to their famous red.

At Loudenne, the most recent vintage of Loudenne Blanc is always used to start; at Mouton-Rothschild, they naturally favor their branded white wine, Mouton-Cadet; at Malleret one will be served Paveil-de-Luze, from a nearby property, and at Pontet Canet, Edouard Cruse might begin with La Dame Blanche, from another Cruse property in the Médoc. In St. Emilion, Alain Querre, proprietor of Monbousquet, has gone so far as to produce an unusual white wine from Chasselas and Muscat grapes for his personal use, so that he can have the pleasure of drinking his own wines right through the meal. The problem does not exist in the Graves district, since most properties produce a white wine that's as well-known as their red.

On the other hand, some Bordeaux proprietors who make only red wine serve only red wine at table, and arrange the menu accordingly. Interestingly, a number of Bordeaux proprietors who do not make or market white wines reach across France to Burgundy to find a bottle of Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault or Corton-Charlemagne to serve guests. Whether this expresses a non-parochial attitude toward wine or is simply a tacit admission that the white wines of Bordeaux are not as appealing as those of Burgundy is a question I've never asked.

Whatever the view of proprietors in the Médoc, St. Emilion and Pomerol toward white wines, it's certain that the serious business begins when the first red is poured. During more than two weeks I spent in Bordeaux, I was never served a red wine that had not been decanted.

It's true that most of the red wines I had the pleasure of

drinking were at least 10 years old and needed decanting to avoid being clouded by sediment, but I had the impression that Bordeaux hosts prefer to see decanters on the dining table, even at an informal meal. This is not the case in Burgundy, or in America, where many wine drinkers think that decanting except of very old wines, is both complicated and unnecessary.

The principal reason for decanting a wine is to separate it from its sediment, but decanting also aerates a wine and is a more effective way of letting a young red wine breathe than simply pulling the cork. And while aerating a young wine develops its bouquet, too much air may finish off a very old and fragile wine, so even in Bordeaux, not everyone agrees as to just when an older wine should be decanted.

At Mouton-Rothschild, for example, the cellar master himself decants the wines for a dinner party, usually about an hour before the guests sit down. The decanters themselves—of an unusual shape, with very long narrow necks—were designed by Baron Philippe and executed by Baccarat for his personal use. Although the decanters containing very old wines are stoppered, it still means that a wine 40 years old (or more) has been exposed to air for perhaps two hours before it is served with the cheese.

At Loudenne, Martin Bamford gives his butler specific instructions for each of the wines to be served. Very old wines may be decanted only minutes before they are brought to the table. Alexis Lichine agrees that it's best to decant wines later rather than earlier, and for each person to play with the wine in his glass until it develops its full potential. Jean-Paul Gardère, co-director of Latour, says, "If you decant a wine too soon, all you have is a souvenir, not a wine. If you think a wine you are about to serve needs more time, just pour it into glasses and talk to your guests—soon the wine will talk to you."

As to the wines themselves, what you will be served depends a bit on the extent of your host's cellars. But many of the châteaux do still have remarkable collections of their own vintages, and it is a particular pleasure to drink an old wine in its château of origin. The wines I was served on their home ground, so to speak, include Mouton-Rothschild 1947 and 1919, Bouscaut 1926, Du-cru-Beaucaillou 1918 and the legendary Yquem 1921.

Some châteaux collect not only their own wines, but those of other properties as well. At Loudenne, which is also the headquarters of Gilbey's shipping operations in Bordeaux, the cellars contain a fairly complete collection of classified châteaux in major vintages, as well as odd bins of unusual wines. One evening, among old friends, Martin Bamford was able to arrange an impromptu tasting of St. Juliens that included Léoville-Poyferré 1937, Gruaud-Larose 1934, Branaire-

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Ducru 1924, Léoville-Barton 1922, Léoville-Lascases 1918.

Generally, châteaux prefer to show off their own wines to visitors, although when a host is a wine shipper as well as a château proprietor, his choice will be more extensive. Peter Sichel, entertaining at Palmer, might begin with a white Burgundy, go on to two vintages of Palmer, an older wine from another property and a Sauternes to finish. At Margaux, Pierre Ginestet recently served Domaine de Chevalier 1970 for the white wine, then Petit-Villages 1964 from Pomerol, Margaux 1961 in the place of honor and ended with a glass of Barsac, Climens 1964.

Whatever wines may be served, it seems to be an inviolable rule in Bordeaux that vintages are always presented in strict chronological sequence of young to old. *"Il faut respecter les millésimes,"* says Pierre Ginestet. This rule of young before old may seem to contradict another rule concerning the sequence of wines—small before big—since older wines generally have less body and vigor than young ones. The solution is to lead up to older and more delicate wines with younger wines that will not overwhelm them, counting on the complexity of the older wines to make up for their loss of power.

"If the final wine were to be Mouton 1899, 1893, or 1870," says the château's cellar master, "I would lead up with a 1924 or 1918," imparting a bit of considered advice that is, unfortunately, of no practical use to anyone else in the world.

The question of whether or not to move very old bottles of wine is one that few of us have occasion to consider, but I found two points of view within the same family. At Lafite-Rothschild, there are bins of older vintages reserved for various members of the family (one bin is particularly full, since its owner drinks only beer). Younger vintages are shipped up to Paris, but the old wines are never moved, and opened only at the château itself on one of the rare occasions when one of the family stops by for a visit. At Mouton-Rothschild, on the other hand, older wines from the château are sometimes required by Baron Philippe in Paris. On such occasions, the cellar master decants the wine into new bottles, corks them and rides the train to Paris holding the bottles in his lap.

Bordeaux is famous for its fine reds, but the region is also known for the remarkable sweet wines of Sauternes and Barsac. Those of us who enjoy the distinct and unique qualities of Sauternes would normally place it at the end of the meal, with dessert, and it was served that way on two or three occasions. ***I soon realized,*** however, that a good-natured controversy exists about just when to serve Sauternes, and with what. Sauternes and *foie gras* are generally agreed to be an excellent combination, but at what point in the meal?

"People are hungry at the beginning of a meal," explains Pierre Ginestet, "and a rich combination like this makes a very welcome start." Edouard Cruse expresses another widely held view. "Sauternes is so rich that it will diminish any red wines that follow. It's best at the end of the meal."

In Sauternes itself, a different viewpoint prevails, and a visitor soon learns to adopt it with pleasure. There, you are likely to get Sauternes or Barsac with everything *but* dessert, and in the opinion of many proprietors, the wine should never be served with anything sweet.

At Broustet, Daniel Fournier offers his guests an old Barsac as an apéritif—still a custom in other parts of Bordeaux as well—age having gracefully diminished the wine's original sweetness. He serves Broustet with each course except strawberries, with which he prefers a red. The proprietor of Suduiraut recently served an all-Sauternes luncheon, at which truffled goose liver, filets of sole, roast guinea-hen and a parfait were each accompanied by a different vintage of his wine.

At St. Amand, Louis Ricard, who is also the proprietor of la Chartreuse, prepared a menu of *foie gras,* shad, chicken, roquefort and strawberries, to be accompanied by a dry white Graves and a St. Emilion in addition to his own wines.

"I didn't want to impose an all-Sauternes dinner on you," explained Ricard, but as one vintage of St. Amand followed another, we found ourselves agreeing that Sauternes was, in fact, delicious with each dish in turn. As we finally sipped his 1945, Ricard said, not unhappily, "You see, we ended up drinking Sauternes with everything, and it works!"

The food served at Bordeaux châteaux is always excellent, but often subordinate to the wines. Simply cooked food will show off fine old wines to their best advantage, and this is what was most often served. Shad and strawberries were in season during my last visit, and there are worse things one can eat a lot of. Beef and chicken were often served to accompany the red wines, and occasionally lamb—the *agneau de Pauillac pré-salé* is famous.

Cèpes, the large fleshy mushrooms cooked in oil and garlic, appeared once and that other specialty of Bordeaux, *lamproie,* or eel cooked in red wine, was served at Ducru-Beaucaillou, with its traditional accompaniment of red wine. Berries were a popular dessert, and a delightful idea used at Bouscaut was to bring the *fraises de bois* to the table in a straw basket on a bed of green leaves.

Two dishes I particularly enjoyed were served at the home of John Salvi, an associate of Peter Sichel. Before dinner we munched on *feves,* or broadbeans, served raw and eaten with butter and salt. His wife, Pamela, then prepared a first course consisting of artichokes filled with cheese soufflé. As you peel off the leaves, you dip them in the soufflé, and when you've eaten the leaves, there should be just enough soufflé left to cover the artichoke heart that remains. (The trick is to partially cook the artichokes, hollow out the center, then bake the soufflé—which is to be slightly undercooked—individually in each artichoke.)

Wine enthusiasts often argue about whether or not it's proper to serve salad at a dinner featuring fine wines. I noticed no unanimity of opinion in Bordeaux. Some serve salad with all meals, some never, some when dining *en famille,* but not when entertaining formally. Everyone agrees, however, that one simply stops drinking wine while eating salad, which seems to be the easiest solution. It may also come as a surprise to some wine buffs to learn that the Bordelais think roquefort is the one cheese never to have with red wine, though it's considered an excellent accompaniment to a Sauternes or Barsac.

The after-dinner choice in Bordeaux is usually limited to a fine Cognac or—a local custom—an old rum. When the host is English (at Palmer or Loudenne, for example), a bottle of port such as Croft's Old Particular will also be available. At Bouscaut, at the very end of the evening, pitchers of cold orange and grapefruit juice are brought out, as refreshing as they are unexpected.

It would be easy for a casual visitor to imagine that every proprietor enjoys a succession of fine foods and wines at every meal. Pierre Ginestet gave me some perspective on this when he bid me good night on the steps of Margaux. "Formal dining has its place, of course," he said, "but what I really enjoy is a bowl of rich soup, some hard cheese and a glass of red wine—now there's a supper!" ■

WINES

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which is very enjoyable and enjoyably under $3 a bottle."

Like TV's Barbara Walters, *Cosmopolitan* Editor ***HELEN GURLEY BROWN*** and Actress ***ANN BLYTH*** divide their *vin ordinaire* buying between California and French choices. The woman behind That Cosmo Girl stands out firmly for Almaden Mountain White Chablis and Barton & Guestier's Beaujolais St. Louis: "I find I can *depend* on these wines—they are good, always available and I don't have to sell off any lithographs to pay for them." Miss Blyth prefers the red Beaulieu Vineyard Napa Valley Burgundy 1969 and the white Joseph Drouhin La-Foret Maçon-Villages 1972 from the Burgundy area of France, with Almaden Mountain Red Burgundy for cooking.

Inside the 1950s Army uniform ***WAYNE ROGERS*** wears in CBS-TV's *M*A*S*H* series, there lurks a knowledgeable 1974 wine connoisseur—who likes reds from the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and whites from the Pinot Chardonnay. "Merlot and Carbernet make superb dry red table wines in Bordeaux and—labeled as Merlot or Cabernet—present our best-tasting reds in California. Pinot Chardonnay is our best California white."

GEORGE O'BRIEN, director of design at Tiffany & Co., finds what he looks for in an everyday wine—"that it be dry and relatively inexpensive"—in the red Château de Rouquette, Coteaux du Languedoc, 1971, and the white Gallo Chablis Blanc and Château Saint-Jean 1972 from Bordeaux.

"People who drink hard liquor before a luncheon or dinner are more apt to drink afterward a light white wine," thinks Designer ***PAULINE TRIGÈRE.*** "I have for many years chosen to serve a Muscadet, well-chilled. It goes well with a first course—let it be a soup, a fish or hors d'oeuvres—and is, of course, just right for what is served after. For dinner, the red I serve is a Brouilly (Château des Tours), a Beaujolais that nicely follows the Muscadet or cocktails."

What does Actor ***GENE BARRY*** do between TV series? He sings supper clubs. His favorite everyday wine? A white, a Pinot Chardonnay, either one from France put out by du Roche or the Wente or Louis Martini examples from California. "We used to drink Chablis," Barry adds, "but now, for all-around sipping—and instead of cocktails and hard liquor—my wife and I prefer the bouquet of Pinot Chardonnay."

The bouquet of Pinot Chardonnay is also what you're served if you order white wine by the glass at New York's 21 Club, or a Côtes-du-Rhône if you order a glass of red. With these, ***T. MARIO RICCI,*** chief of 21's four sommeliers, would put on his everyday list "a Pinot Noir from sunny California, a Pouilly Fumé from a château on the Loire, a Château Greysac (Appellation Medoc Controlée) and a Valpolicella from historic Verona."

Sunny California figured prominently in many answers. Actor ***RICHARD BOONE,*** currently NBC-TV's *Hec Ramsey,* is most happy with Louis Martini Pinot Noir and Wente Brothers Grey Riesling, although he could be content with "any of the solid Napa Valley reds" and adds: "Korbel is also making some beautiful white."

PETER GRAVES, whose old *Mission Impossible* records are still self-destructing on syndicated versions of the popular series, sticks with one particular favorite—Parducci's Cabernet Sauvignon, "a fine California red."

Actor ***BUDDY EBSEN'S*** palate favors the Pinot Noir, although the star of the *Barnaby Jones* show (and that's another Quinn Martin production) reports that Montrachet sometimes find its way to his table.

Actress ***SANDY DUNCAN*** drinks only white wine and usually has a glass before bed. Sebastiani wines are special favorites, although she finds several other California wines pleasing, too.

To ***PHYLLIS DILLER,*** Concannon Chablis is a "good dry wine to serve before lunch or dinner and into the meal—and it's marvelous in spritzers." In reds, she is especially fond of Beaulieu Vineyard Burgundy. "It's full-bodied and has the fire you want in a Burgundy type, but at a reasonable price. I love it with meat and cheese and added to stews."

"Gallo Burgundy is the red I use most often as a *vin de table,*" says ***H. GREGORY THOMAS,*** former chairman of Chanel Inc. and the Grand Maître of the prestigious Commandèrie de Bordeaux. "Gallo Chablis Blanc is an excellent dry and fruity white and I find the Sichel country wines of France also remarkably good value for daily use. I especially like the Sichel Morgon as a Beaujolais and the Sichel Pinot Chardonnay, which seems to be exactly what the label describes and a boon companion for the summer's catch of fish and crustaceans, superb with oysters and clams in winter."

And Interior Designer ***JAY CRAWFORD*** also mentions the Gallo Chablis Blanc. "And I like the half-gallon bottle—it's attractive and fits in the fridge easily." For a red, he usually chills a Beaujolais Nouveau.

The respected wine and food columnist for the *Chicago Tribune,* ***RUTH ELLEN CHURCH,*** says, "Wine is expensive day in and day out. Where can you find better wine at the price than from California?" Among her Golden State wine standbys: Gallo Chablis Blanc, Burgundy and Hearty Burgundy, Sebastiani's Zinfandel and Petite Sirah, the reds and whites of the Winemasters' Guild and Italian Swiss Colony, and Louis M. Martini Mountain Red and Christian Brothers Gamay Noir, "though these are somewhat more expensive."

There really is a ***BROTHER TIMOTHY*** at the Christian Brothers winery, and he really is the cellar master who guides the production of all those wines discussed in the ads carrying his signature. From that list, Brother Timothy usually chooses for his own wineglass the Christian Brothers Select Cabernet Sauvignon, California Burgundy or California Chablis. "I like good dry wines with my food," says Brother Tim, "and these are all full-bodied dry wines of considerable depth and character."

ARTHUR HUMBERT, chairman of William & Humbert Ltd., starts almost all meals with his own Dry Sack Sherry, chilled. And since Mrs. Humbert, the former Mina Gonzalez, is from another well-known Spanish Sherry family, the Humberts follow the Mediterranean custom of having wine with dinner every night. Usually, they open a St. Emilion shipped by Calvet at their London home, a Paternina Rioja in Spain.

When ***KARL MALDEN*** finishes a day's work on *The Streets of San Francisco* (another Quinn Martin production), his day-in, day-out favorite wine is the Yugoslav named Zilavka.

The wines Designer ***JACK LENOR LARSEN*** is "most happy to serve and drink on most occasions are those beautiful young ones from Portugal. They tend to come in generous magnums and although I prefer the whites, both reds and whites are fine. I feel that those of us on a limited budget who use wine with all meals will do best to buy the moderate little wines and then to select an extraordinary vintage wine, red or white, to serve on special occasions."

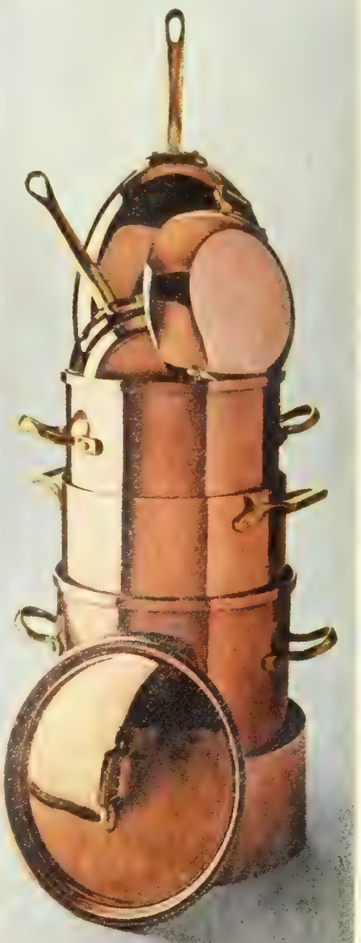
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NBC Sports Commentator ***JIM SIMPSON*** is one of many who has discovered the pleasures of Italian wines. "When dining out or having company, we love a St. Emilion or the driest of Chablis," he notes. When at home and not entertaining—or when the cooking is not *haut*—then we enjoy Rusticano, an Italian Veronese that comes in half-gallon bottles in both red and white. It is good, and it is economical."

Two wine men especially proud of the quality of their Italian wines are ***MARIO R. DANIELE*** of C. Daniele & Co. and ***W. L. LYONS BROWN JR.,*** executive vice-president of Brown-Forman Distillers Corp.

"Rainoldi's Grumello and Inferno both represent great value and go well with a variety of foods," writes Daniele, who also adds to his everyday list Heitz Chablis and Parducci Zinfandel and Chenin Blanc from California. Lee Brown considers the Italian Bolla Soave "one of the classic white wines of the world that is still priced at a very good value" and cites value, too, for his red wine choices: Frescobaldi Nipozzano, "a full-bodied red wine that comes from a privately owned estate just outside Florence and ages beautifully," and Cruse Gamay, "a French varietal similar to Beaujolais."

Writer ***EUNICE FRIED,*** author of the new *What Every Woman Should Know About Wine,* says: "My favorite everyday red is a full, rich Sassella from Italy's Valtellina region, and my favorite Sassella is Polatti. Among the whites, my first choice is a fresh, young Alsatian Riesling, particularly the Hugel Riesling."

Importer ***JULIUS WILE*** also frequently uncorks a Riesling. "I have no absolute favorites," explains the senior vice-president of Julius Wile & Sons, "but if I had to limit myself to just a few choices for everyday drinking, it probably would be the Deinhard Green Label wines from Germany, the Willm Riesling from Alsace and the Villa Antonori red—an Italian wine that offers enormous quality."

For a nice casual lunch or "viewing the sunset from my garden terrace, glass of chilled wine in hand," ***KENNETH G. PETERS,*** chairman of Austin, Nichols & Co., usually fills the glass with "an imported blanc de blanc made by George Bonfils from the Ugni Blanc grape of the French Languedoc. It's dry but soft and round—and costs less than $5 for the half-gallon jug." His alternate choice for such sipping is the Muller Gewürtzraminer from Alsace—"it's dry but delightfully spicy and different."

BARRY BASSIN, vice-president and national wines sales manager for Dreyfus Ashby & Co., sums up the feeling of most of us when he says that good everyday wines should "offer high quality, yet sell for under $5 per bottle, have compatibility for most types of food and have individuality—"Since most everyday wines usually accompany the less-glamorous foods, the wine should add a little interest to the meal." His own choices: the Delas Frères Côtes-du-Rhône, "with an unmistakable grapey fragrance;" the "decidedly fruity" Pinot Blanc Cuvée Les Amours of F. E. Hugel; Joseph Drouhin's La-Foret Mâçon-Villages, with "dry beautiful nose and taste to match," and Mateus Rosé, "for all times and all foods, but my favorite with barbecues."

"Talking about my daily wines and not my Sunday wines," ***PETER M.F. SICHEL*** of H. Sichel Sons Inc. says his favorites "at this stage are Côtes-du-Rhône in the French, round, sturdy, attractive wines that I find the best buy in French red wines at the moment, and our Cabernet Merlot Bordeaux Rouge, a wine with the freshness and fruit of a Beaujolais, but with some of the elegance and taste of a Bordeaux. This runs about $3.69 retail and the Côtes-du-Rhône costs around $3.15. As far as white wines are concerned, I am almost completely on three wines on a daily basis—a Sauvignon Sec Blanc de Blanc we make from the Sauvignon grape alone in Bordeaux, extremely fresh and dry and fruity, just over $3 retail, and, believe it or not, Blue Nun Liebfraumilch and our Beireich Bernkastel from the Moselle. I drink an enormous amount of other wines to try and see what's in the market, but you will always find me going back to these."

EDWIN NEWMAN, whose NBC-TV commentaries are always filled with thoughtful comments we wish we'd made first, finds Côtes-du-Rhône Vin de Primeur a good alternative to Beaujolais for everyday. "It is less fruity, a little more tangy and a bit more unusual." When he is having dishes that call for a less robust wine, he turns to the Liebfrauenstift Kirchenstück Riesling Spätlese, "a light, pleasant, unobtrusive wine that goes with almost anything a white wine goes with," and Château Lamothe-Bouscaut Graves 1966, "a couple of rungs up the ladder without being anything expensive."

LARRY UTTAL, president of the new Private Stock Records company, nearly always goes with a Sancerre for his non-occasion meals, and Sancerre is a choice, too, of ***ALFRED KNOPF JR.,*** of Atheneum Publishers, who fills out his list with white Bouscaut, Hermitage and white or red Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

"The selection of everyday, non-occasion wine is especially interesting to me since it represents a constant search for the superior bottle yet moderate in cost," writes ***CY LESLIE,*** chairman of the board of Pickwick International. "In my travels, I have found these wines to represent the finest in this category: the white Château Sancerre from the Loire Valley, dry and tart, especially satisfying with fish and in warm climates; Château Calon-Segur, a light château-bottled Bordeaux, excellent with meat or cheese, yet popularly priced; Château L'-Evangile from the Pomerol region, a château-bottled Bordeaux that's a bit heavier but excellent for the full-course meal and, though it's a great growth, priced within reason."

BEATRICE RENFIELD, vice-president of Renfield Importers, sticks with the wines shipped by Mommessin. Her choices: the 1971 Pinot Chardonnay, the 1971 Le Pichet de Beaujolais and 1971 Le Pichet de Brouilly. "All offer top quality for the price."

BUDDY HOWE, chairman of the board of Creative Management Associates, has his heart firmly planted in the soil of France, with Mouton Cadet and Cruse Beaujolais.

Producer/Director ***SAUL SWIMMER,*** on the other hand, roams the wine world in his everyday sampling—choosing the wines of Boordy Vineyards from Maryland and Cune Monopole and the Marqués de Riscal bottlings from Spain.

Skiers who hit the trails around Londonderry, Vt., know The Post-Horn as the charming restaurant at the foot of Magic Mountain. The wine buffs among them know it's a treasure house where Owner ***LLOYD WILKINSON*** is constantly adding to an already beautiful cellar. "In American everyday wines, I much prefer the Inglenook line," says Wilkinson, who most often fills his carafes with Inglenook vin rosé, Chablis and Burgundy, "though we sometimes use Gallo Hearty Burgundy or Paul Masson Burgundy and they're also well-received."

For his own everyday sipping, he varies these with Château Malijay Côtes-du-Rhône, the deLuze Château Cantemerle Côtes du Bourg and Château Gazin Premier Côtes du Blaye and the André Simon Graves, from France; Inglenook's Cabernet Sauvignon, Louis Martini's Pinot Noir, Almaden's Sauvignon Blanc and the Christian Brothers Pinot Chardonnay, from California; the Samuel Chatenay Dôle de Sion and a Neuchatel Rosé called "Partridge Eye," from Switzerland, and "a real sleeper, the Austrian Riesling with Kamper bottles an Empress of Austria label."

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL "SANDY" McNALLY, international wine manager of Heublein Inc., also favors an Inglenook white, the French Columbard, "a fragrant and flowery white varietal, versatile enough to be an aperitif or serve with fish, seafood and light meats." In reds, McNally drinks Château St. Georges St. Emilion, "a full-bodied dry Bordeaux that is adaptable to most red meat dishes, casseroles and cheeses," or Beaulieu Vineyard Burgundy from California, "with picnic cold cuts or good game dishes." And McNally also includes an everyday dessert wine vote for Tokay Aszu, a "golden Hungarian nectar selling for around $4.55 a bottle that's perfect before the meal or at its conclusion, with fruit and nuts and coffee."

La Tour D'Argent is not nestled at the foot of anything—it overlooks one of the world's lovely sights, the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Everyday wine suggestions of ***CHRISTIAN VANNEQUE,*** chief sommelier at the three-star restaurant, include a Caves Coopératives Bordeaux Supèrieur, Bergerac (from southeast Bordeaux), two Côtes Châlonnaise—Rully and Giury—and a Corbières. Some of these are not available in the U.S., but are nice thoughts to tuck away for an overseas trip.

In other areas of France, restaurateurs usually drink the wines of their own region. For instance, ***ROGER VERGÉ,*** owner and chef of the three-star Moulin de Mougins, likes Château Vignelaure 1970 in the winter and with "meals having character" and Domaine des Ferrands Cuvee Roger Vergé in summer and with light dishes. Vergé prefers red wines "because they are more virile, and both these Côtes de Provence wines have the smell and sun of our Provence country."

PAUL BOCUSE, owner and chef of Auberge du Pont de Callopies near Lyon, another of the well-known three-stars, writes that he always drinks Beaujolais because "this wine is a little like the mother's milk for our family and it always keeps us well and happy."

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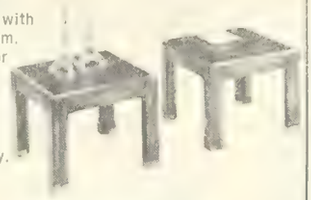
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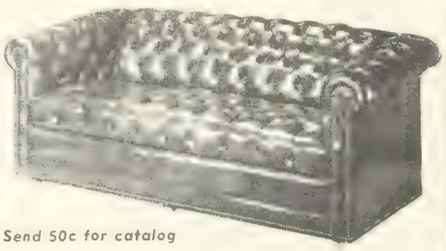
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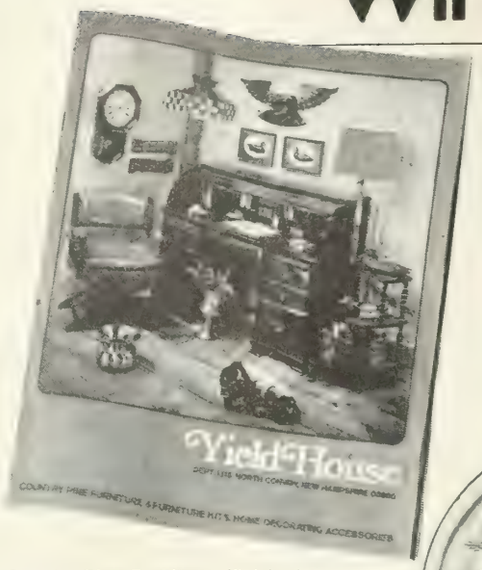
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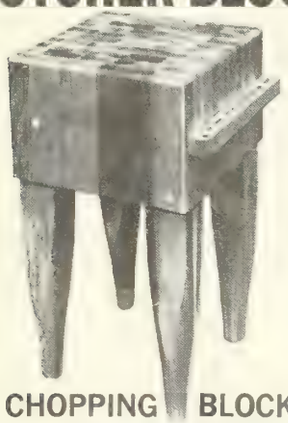
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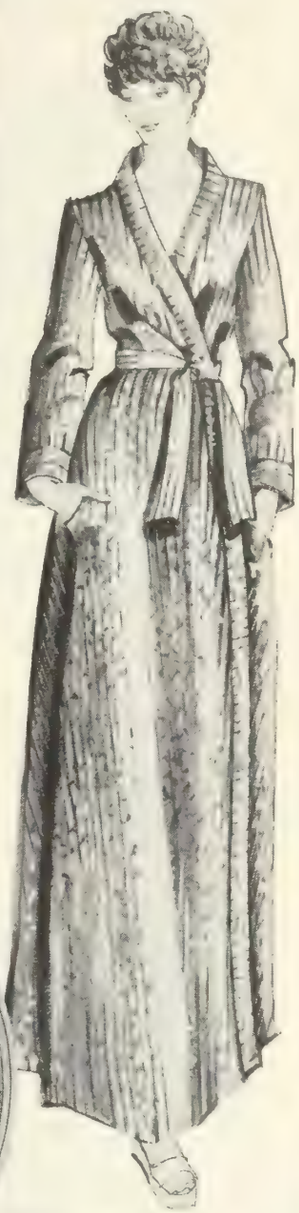
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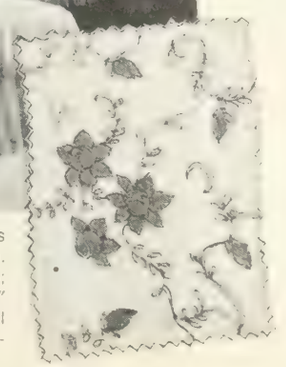
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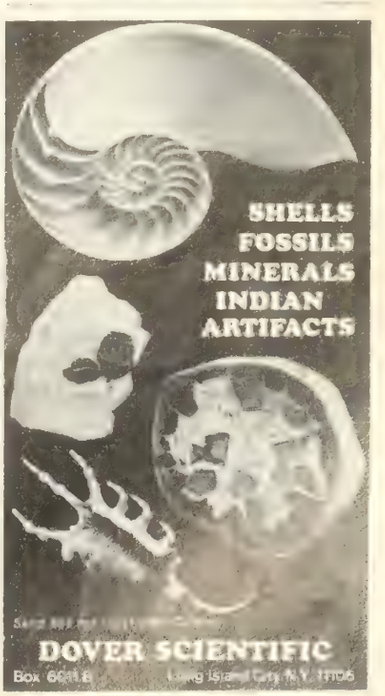


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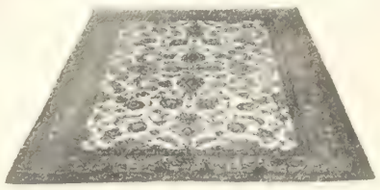
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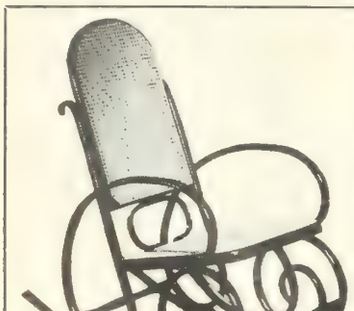
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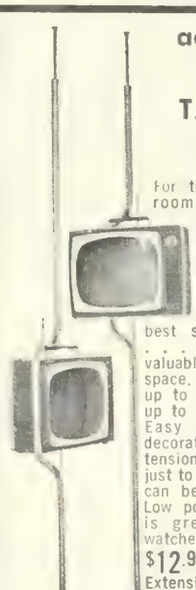
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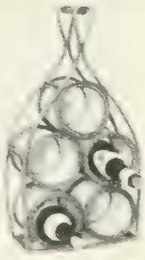
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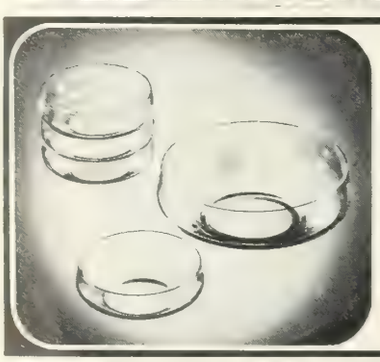
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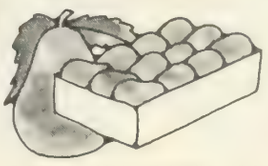
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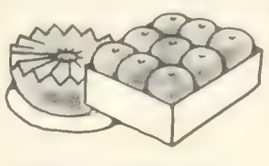
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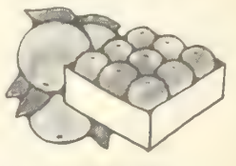
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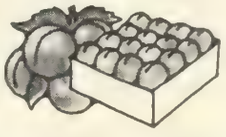
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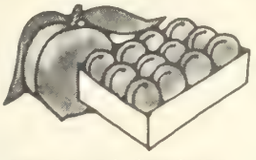
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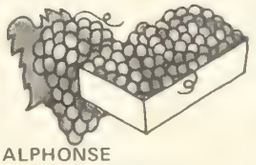
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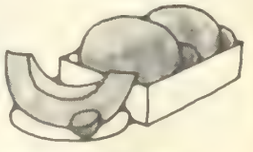
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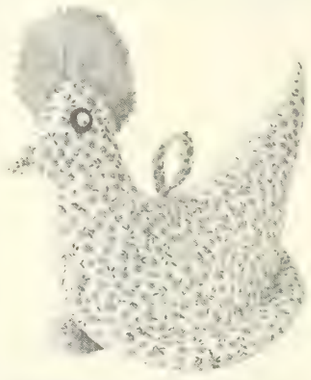
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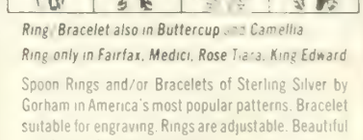
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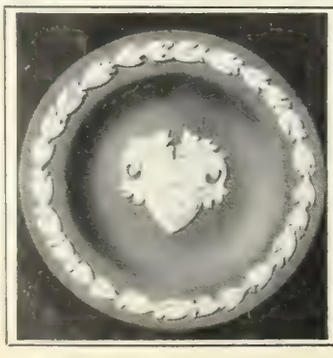
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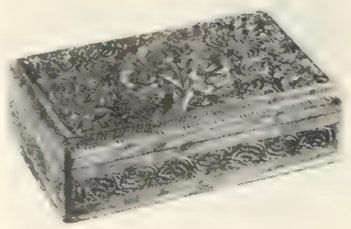


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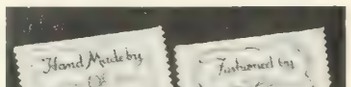
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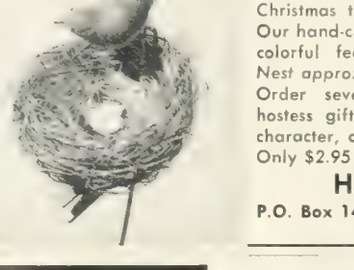
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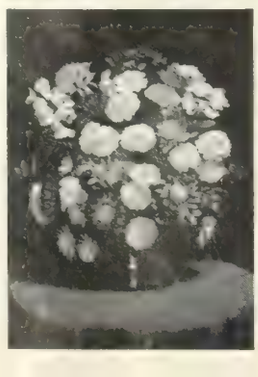


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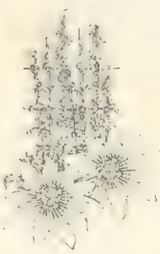
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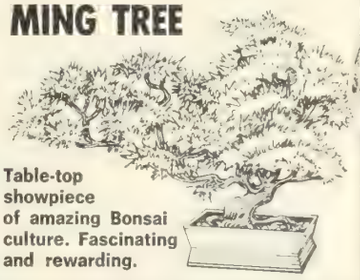
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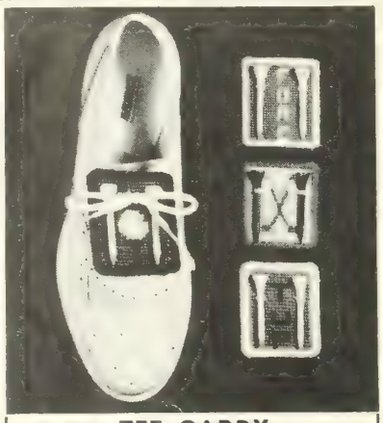
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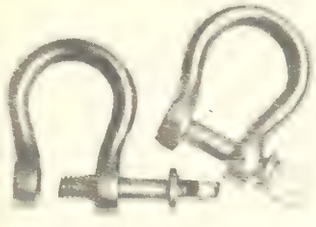
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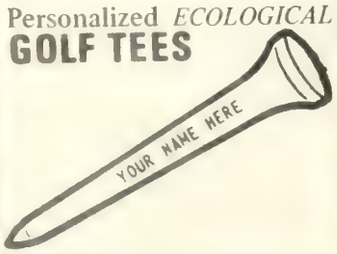


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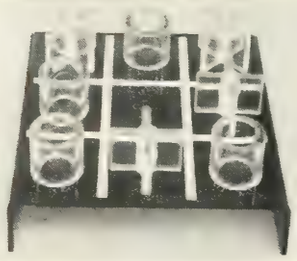
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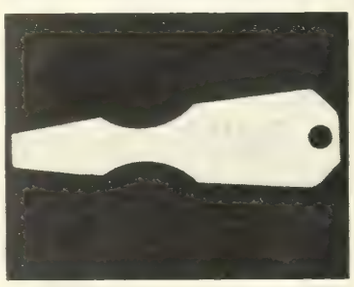
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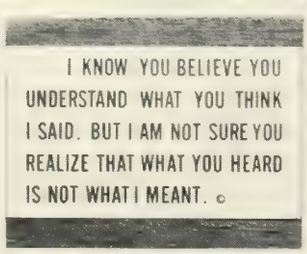
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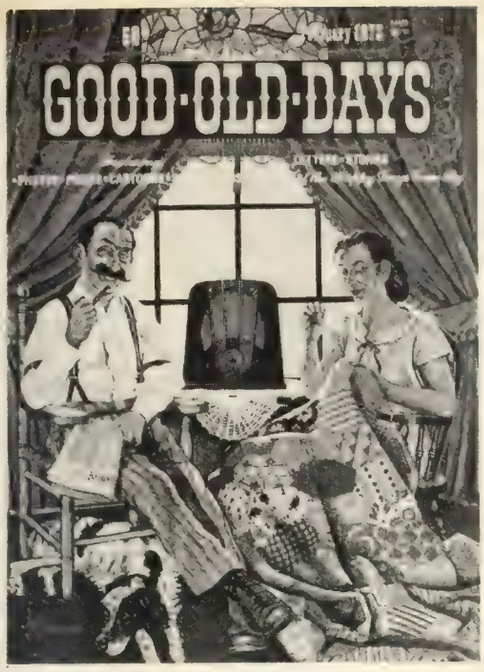
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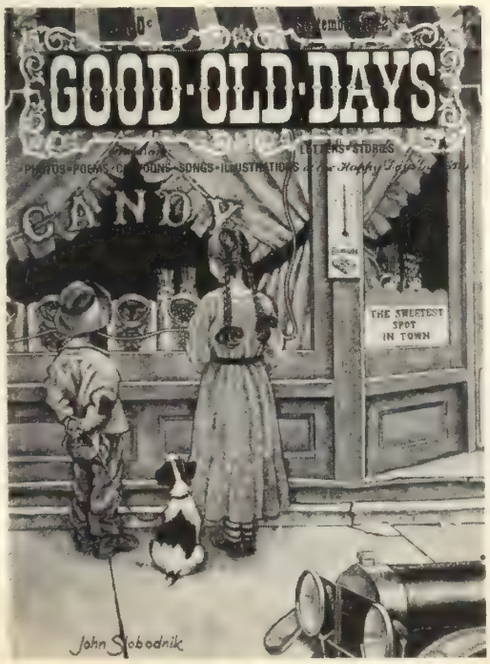
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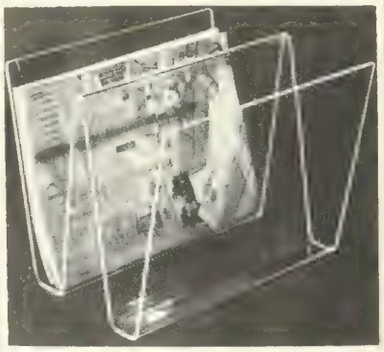
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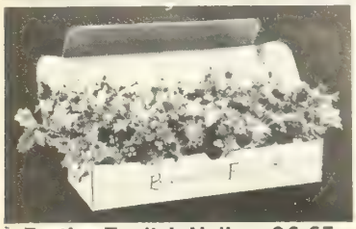
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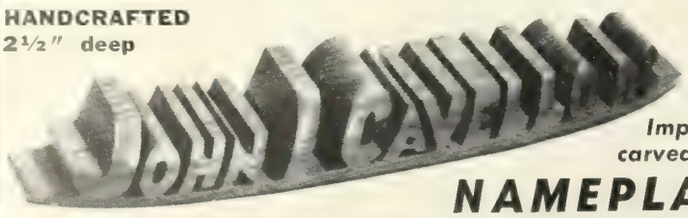
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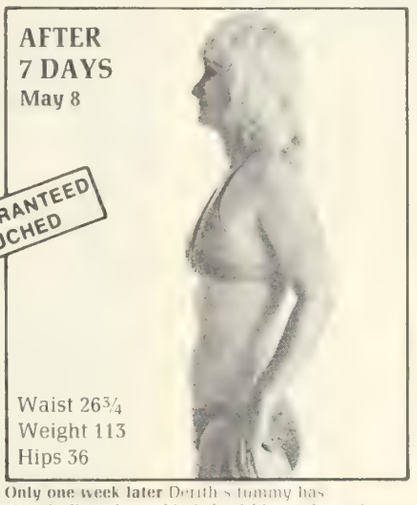
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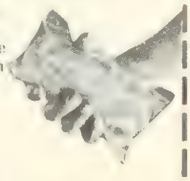
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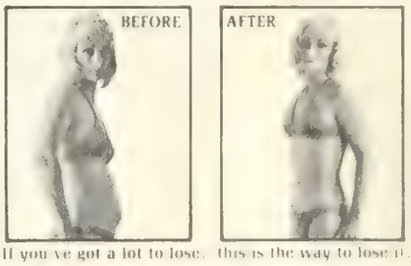
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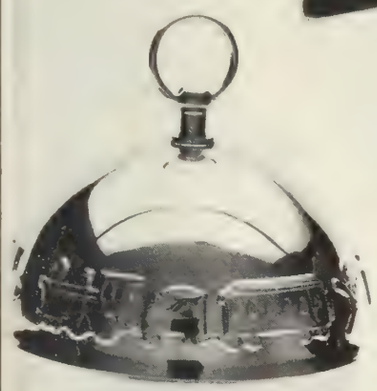
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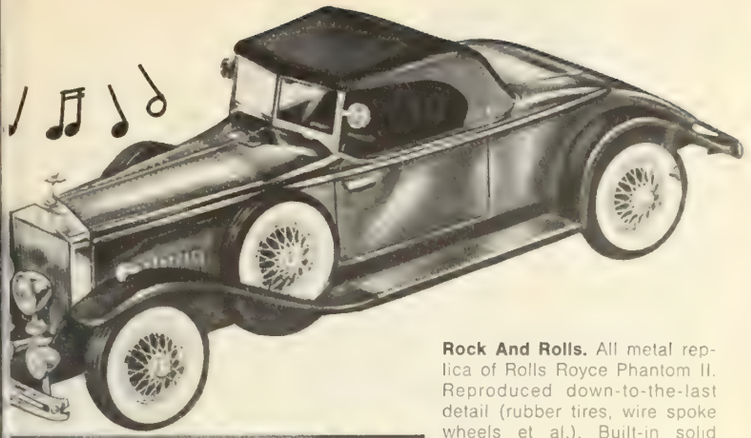
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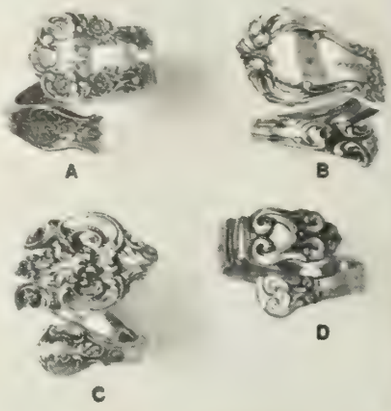
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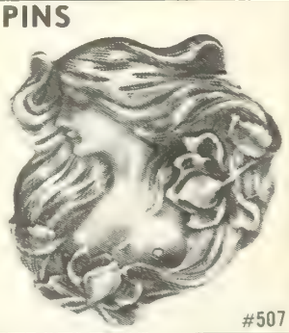


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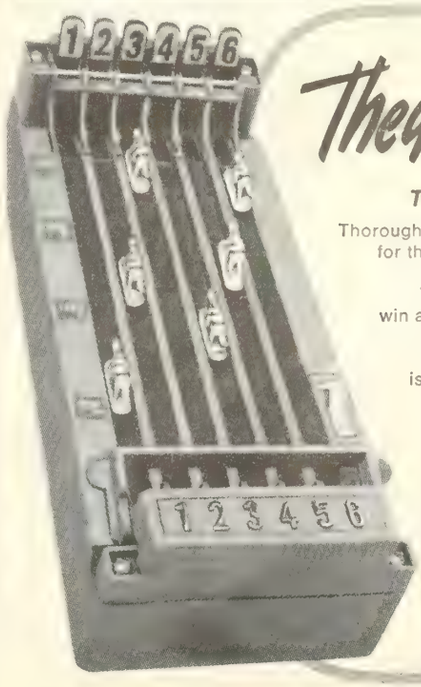
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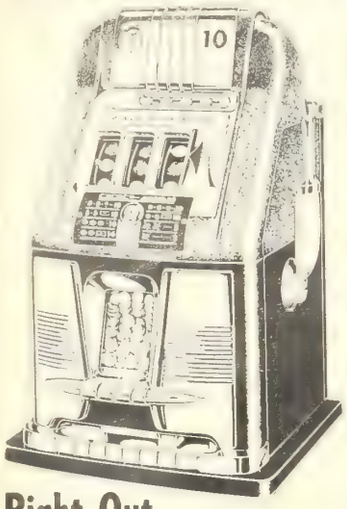
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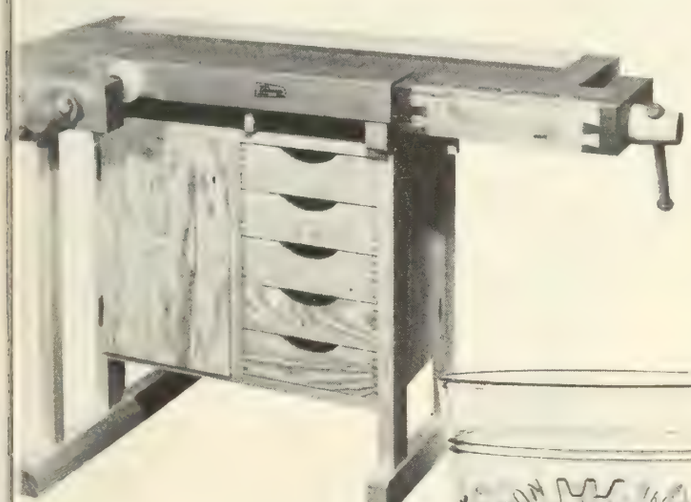






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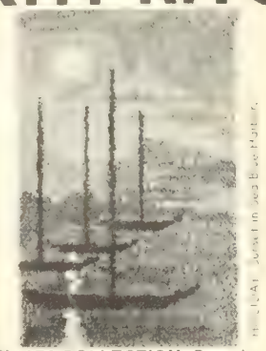
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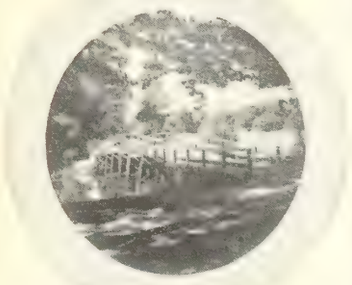
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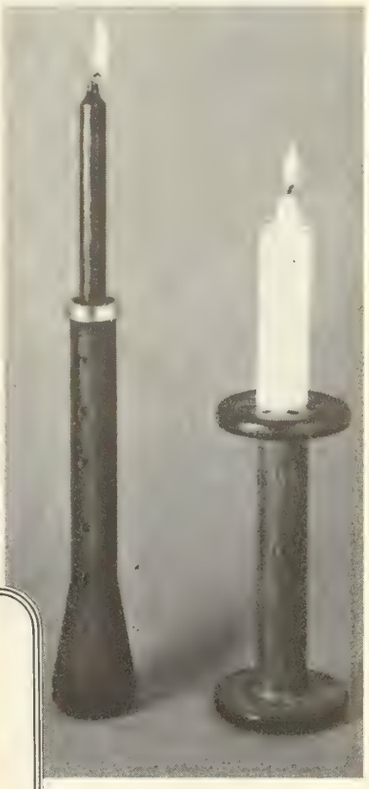
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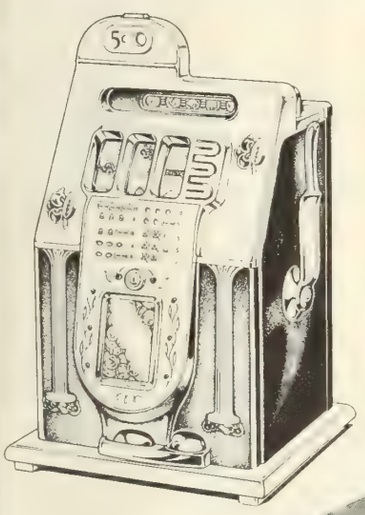


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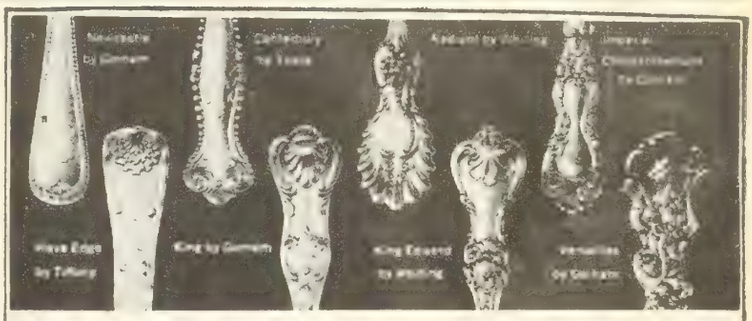
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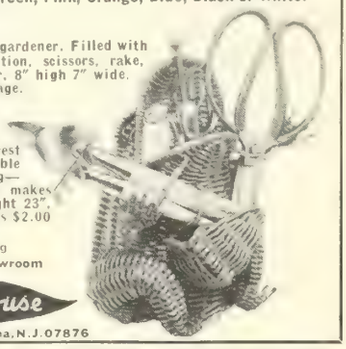
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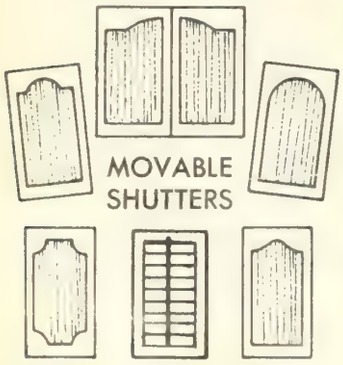


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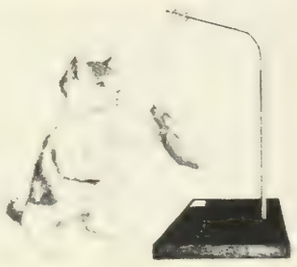
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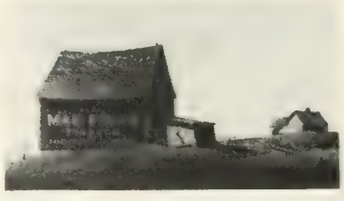
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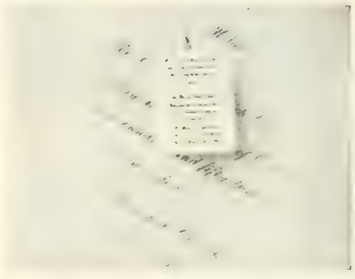
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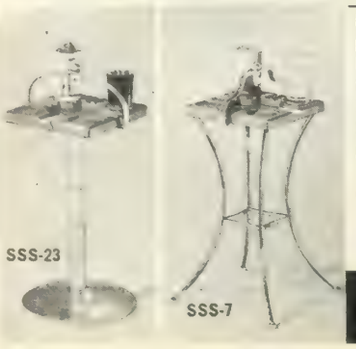
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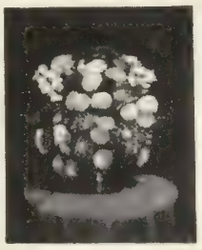
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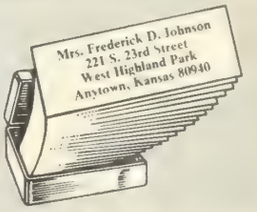
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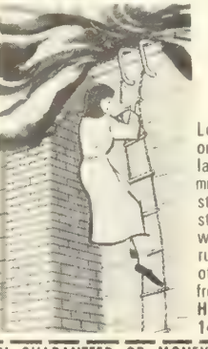
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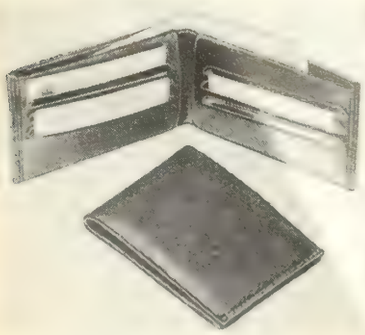
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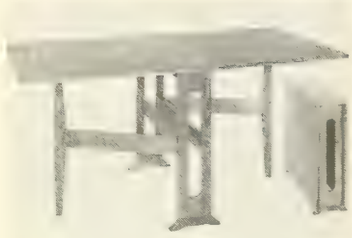
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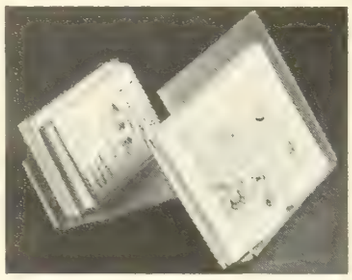
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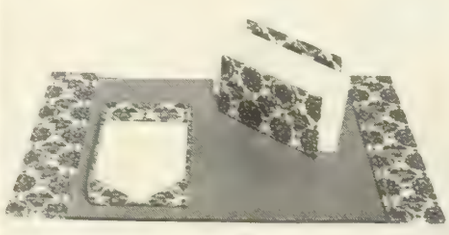
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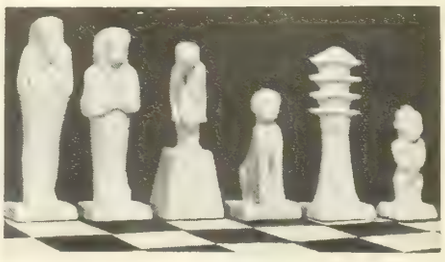
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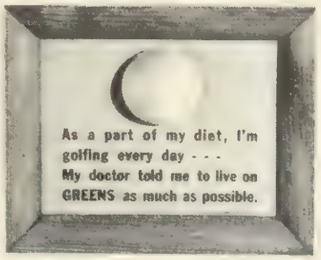
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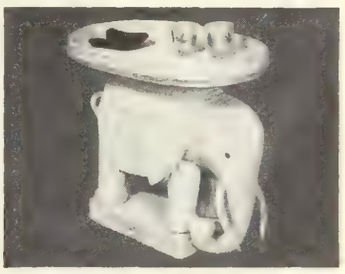
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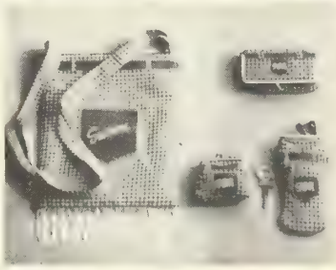
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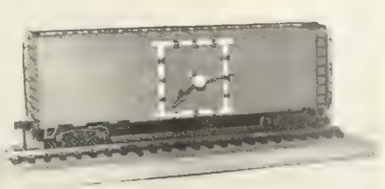
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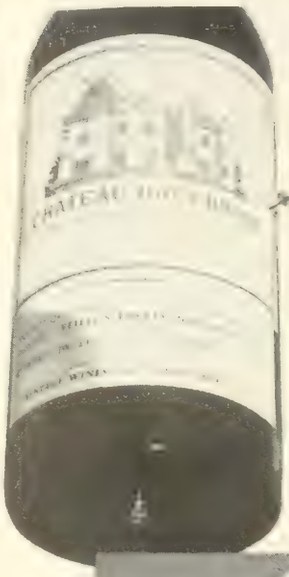
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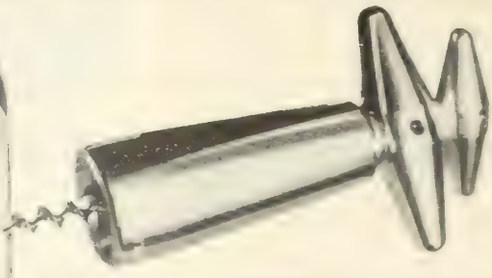
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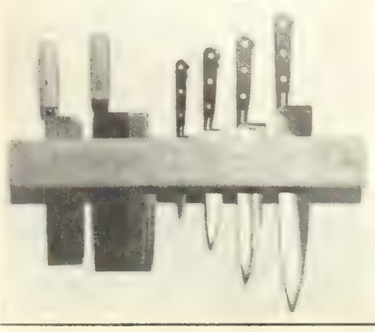
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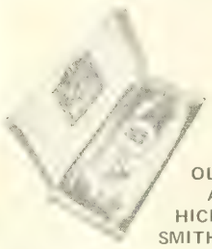


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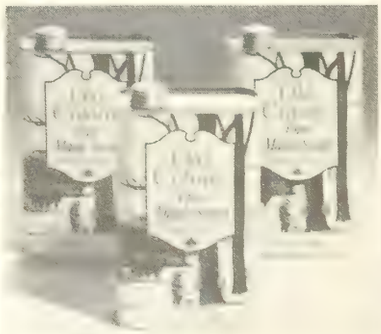


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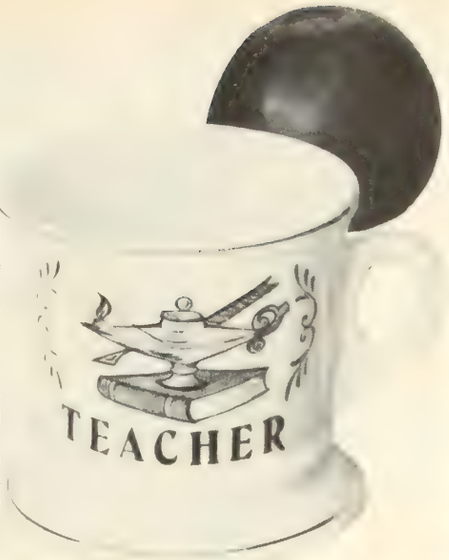
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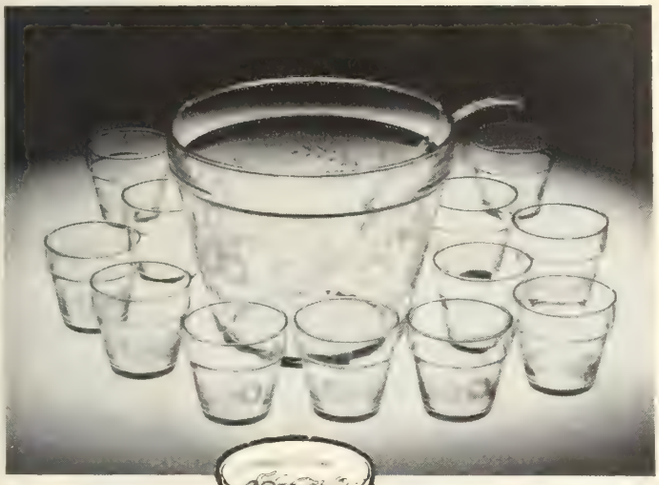
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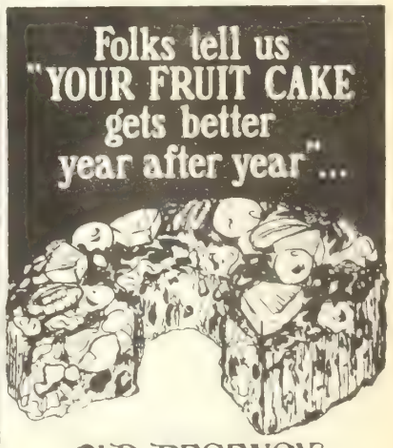


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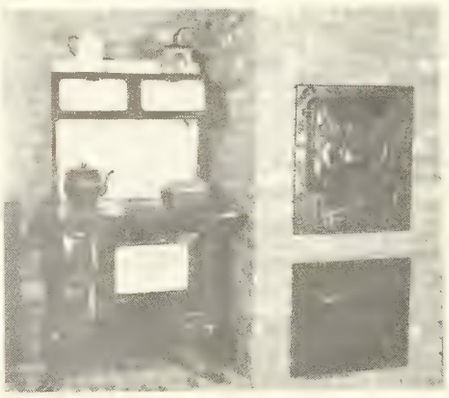
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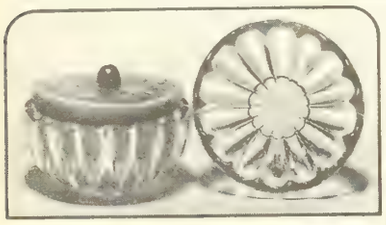
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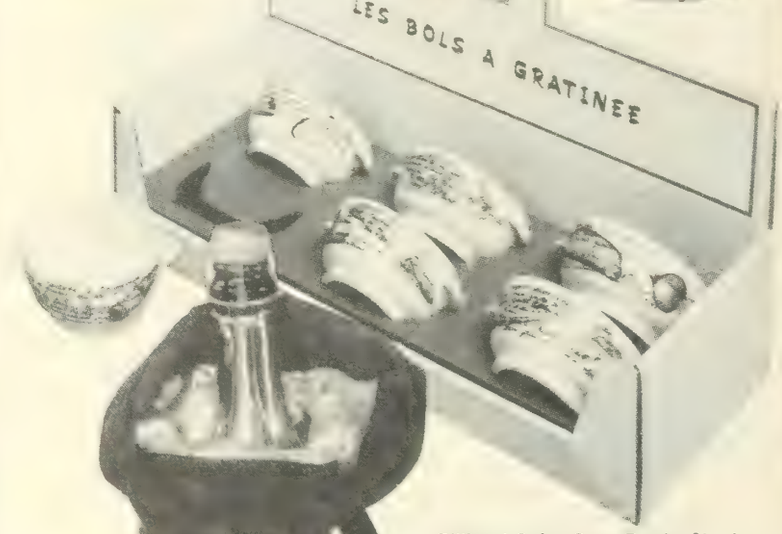
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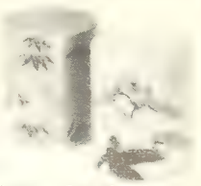
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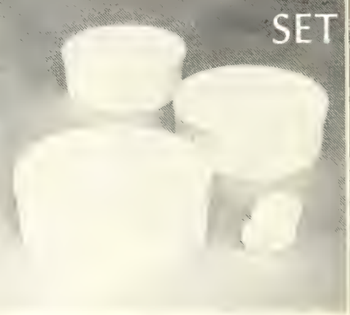
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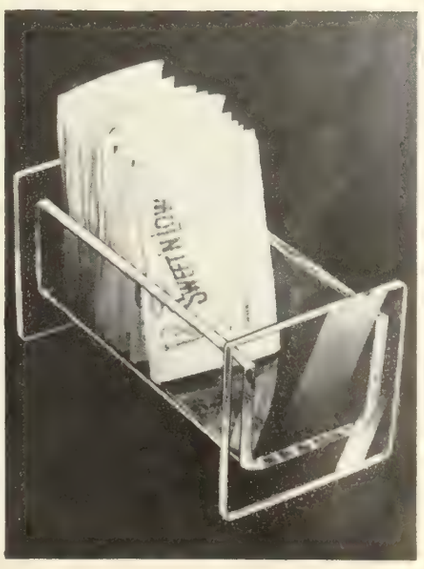


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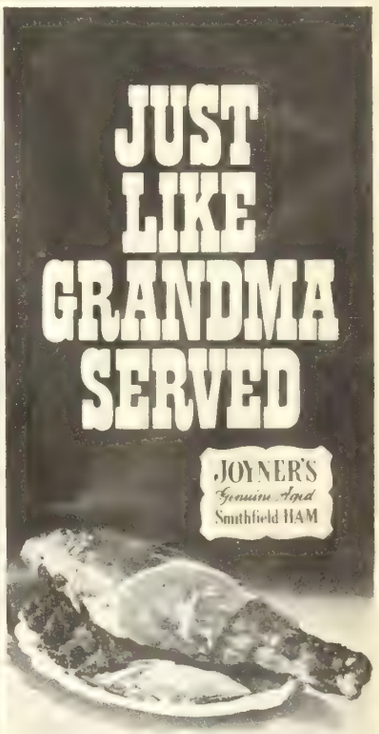
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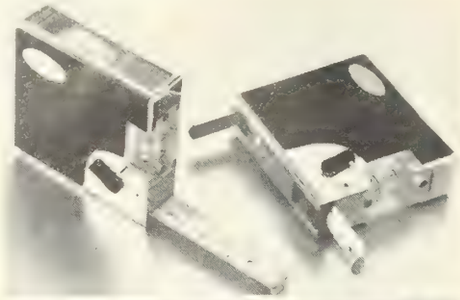
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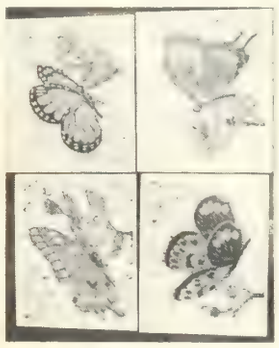
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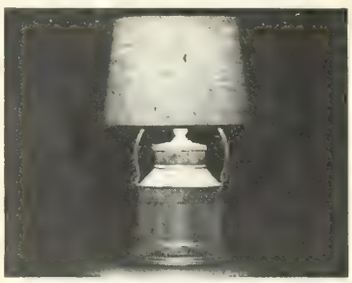
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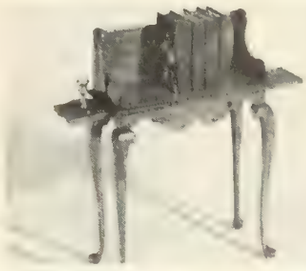
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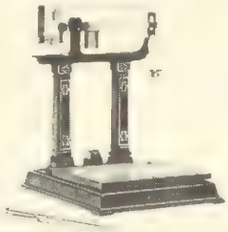


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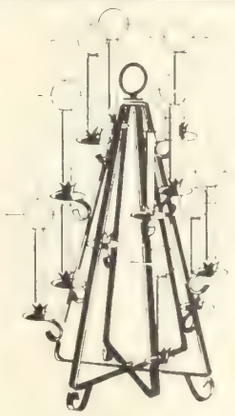
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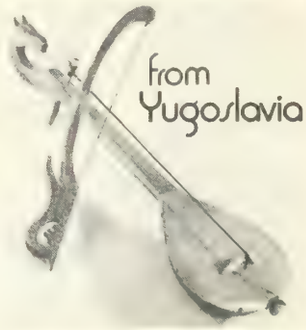
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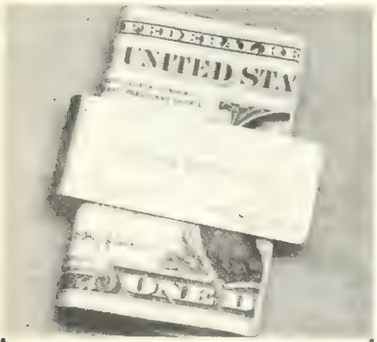
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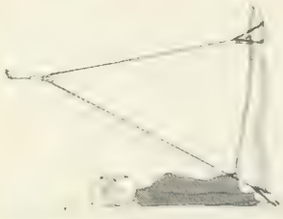
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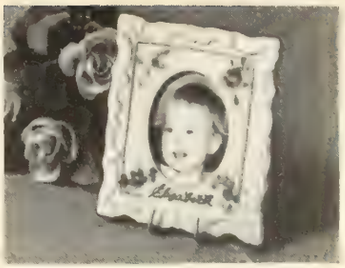
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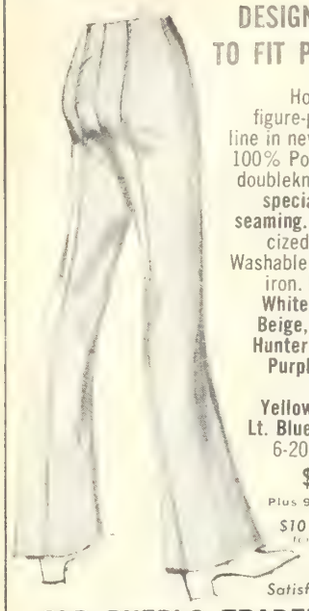
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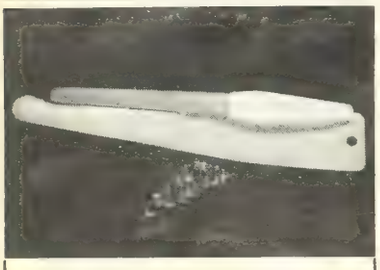
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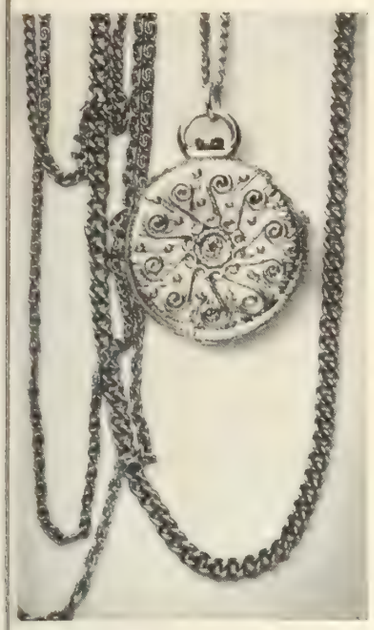
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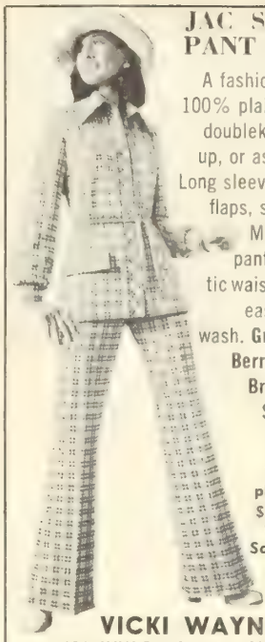




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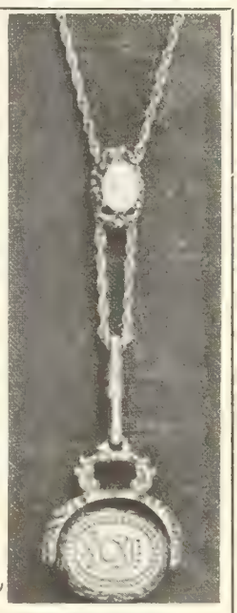


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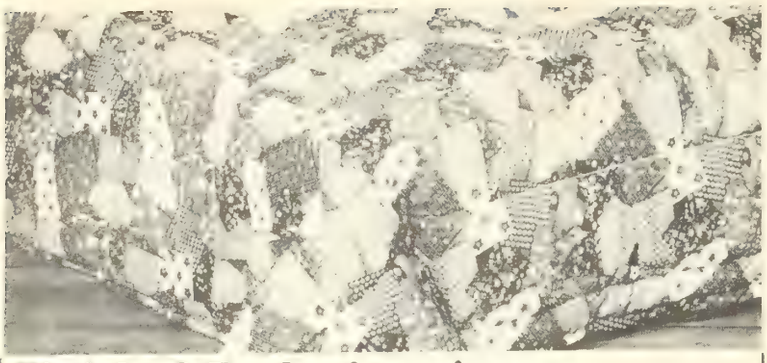
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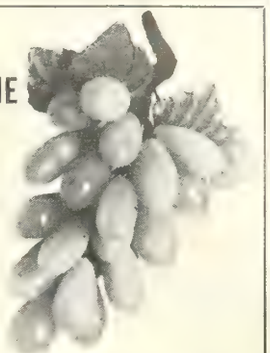
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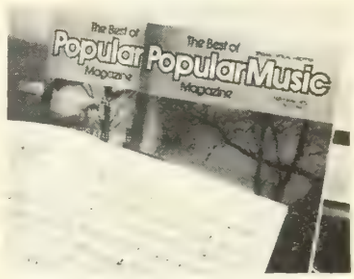
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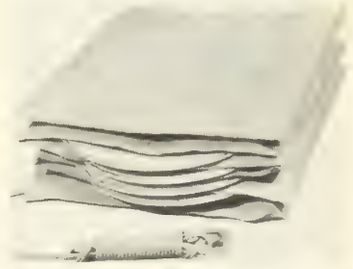
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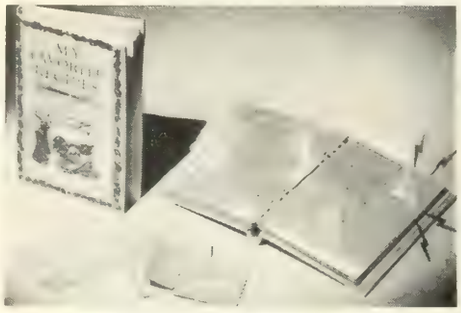


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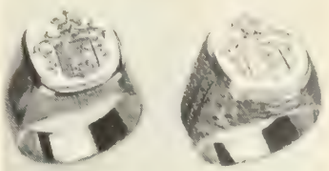
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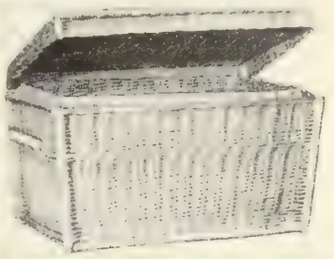
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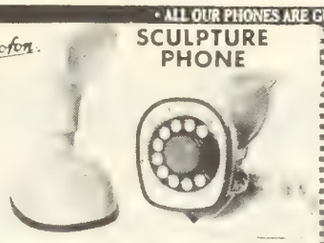
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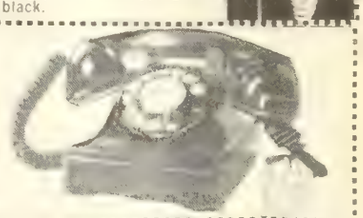


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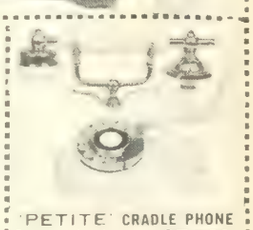


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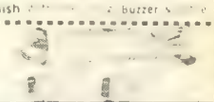
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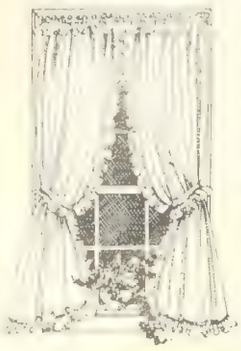
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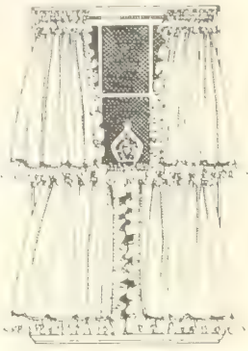
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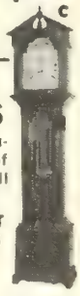


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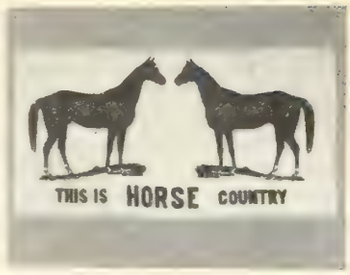


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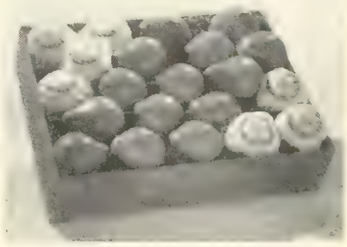
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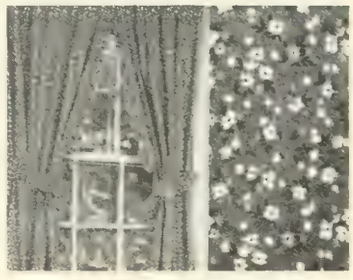
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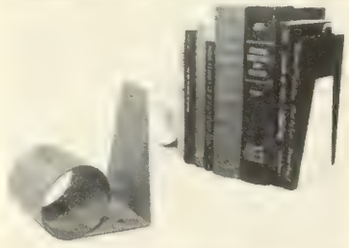
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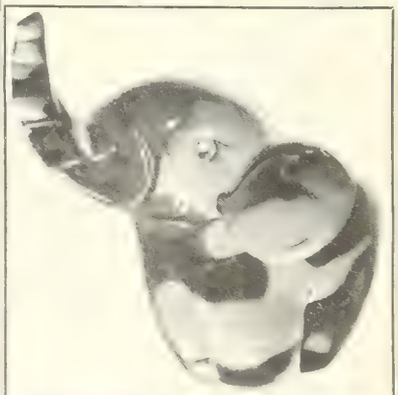
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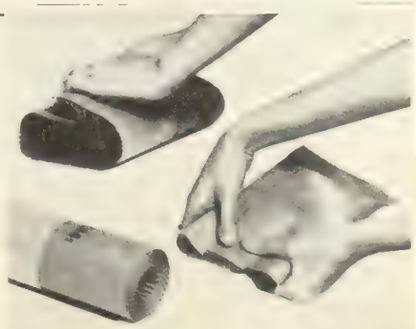
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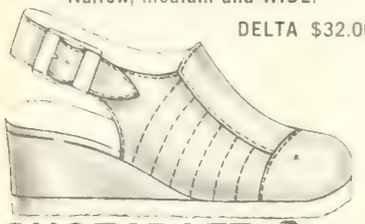
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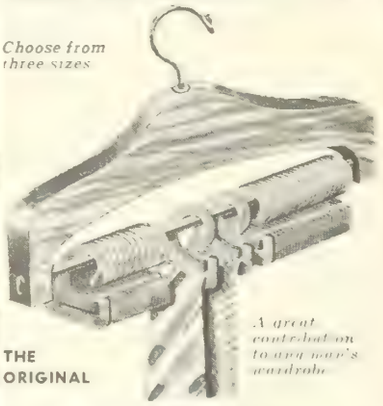
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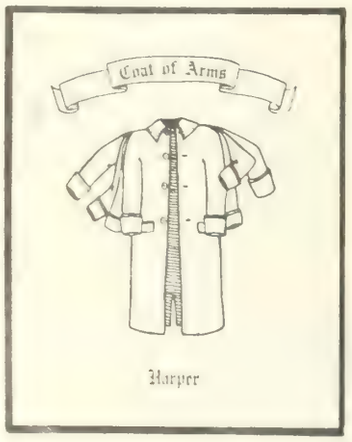


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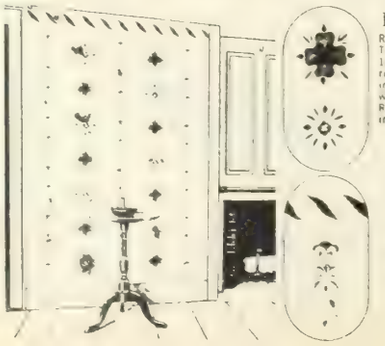
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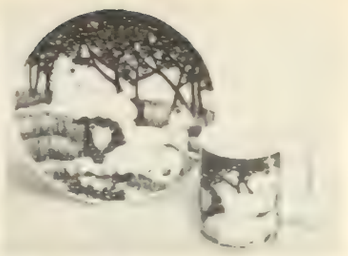
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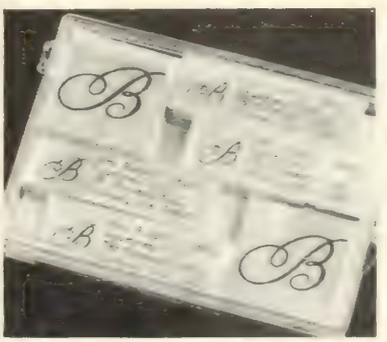
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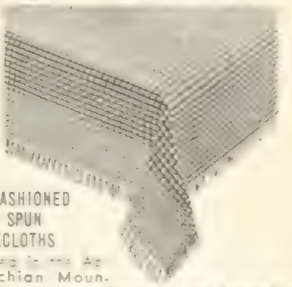


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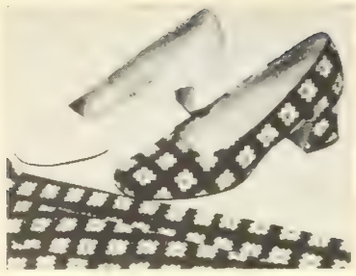
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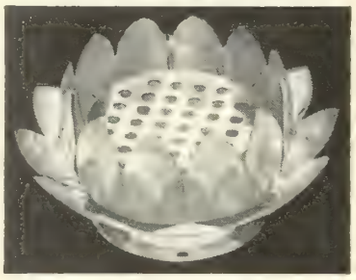
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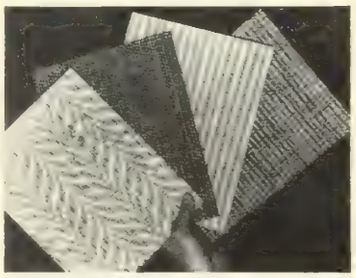
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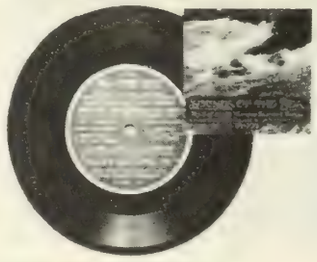
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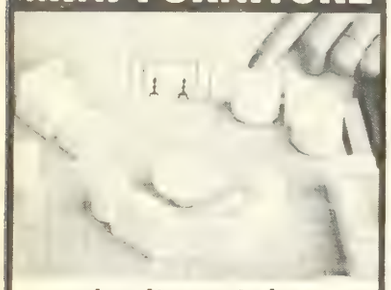
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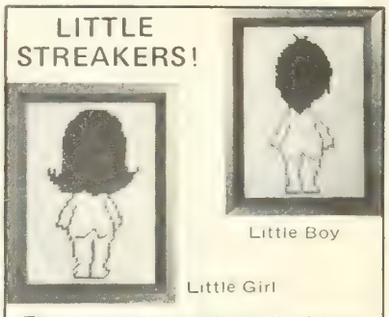


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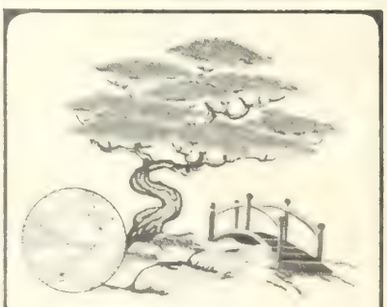
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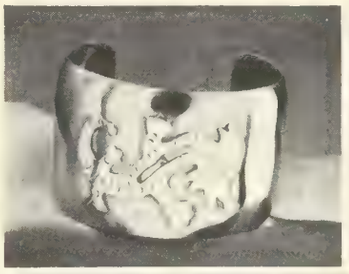
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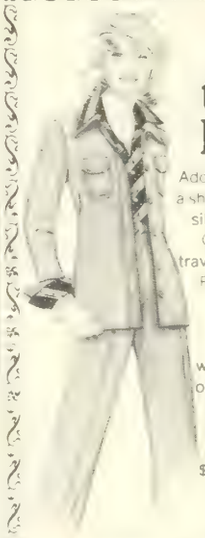


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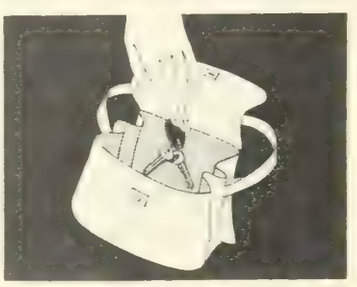
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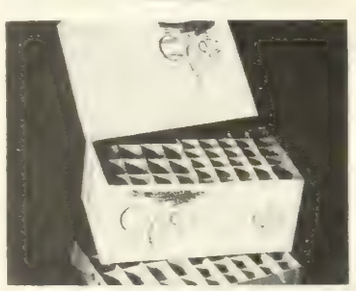
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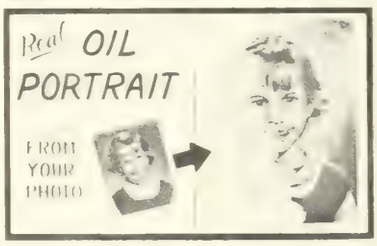
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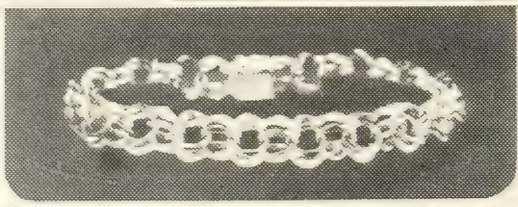
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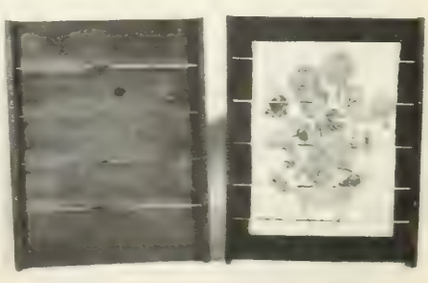
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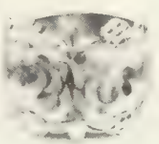
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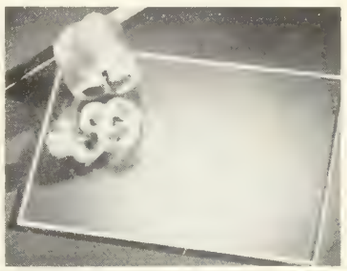
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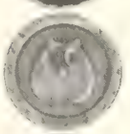
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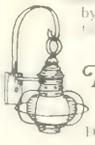
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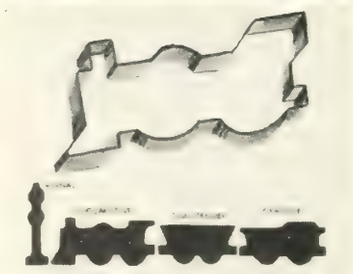
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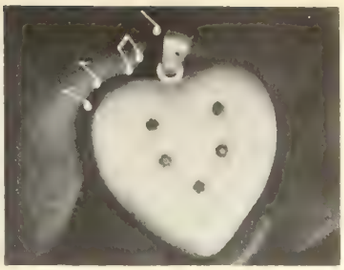
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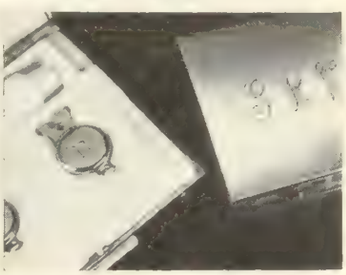
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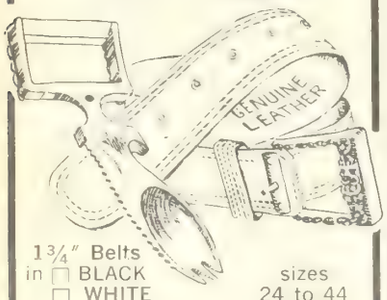
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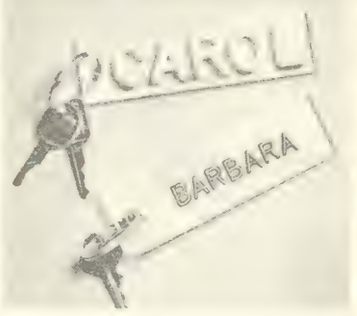
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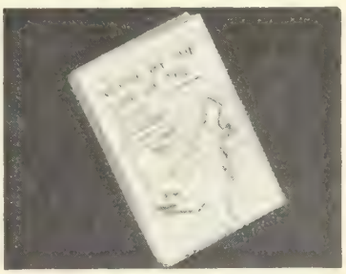
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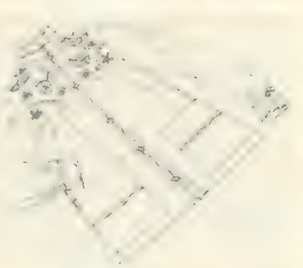
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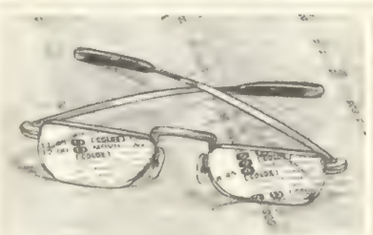
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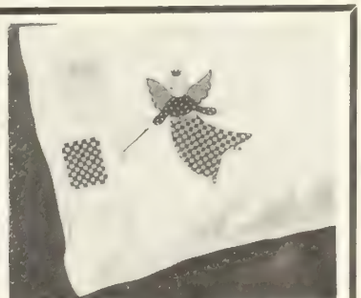
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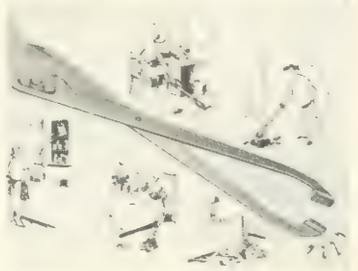
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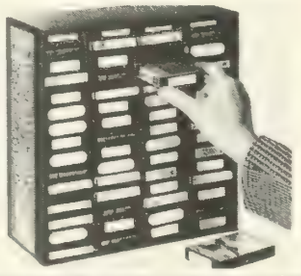
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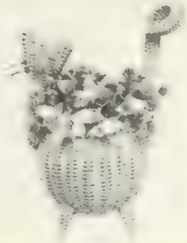
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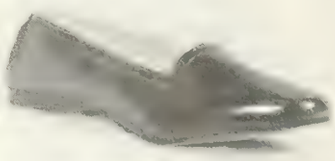
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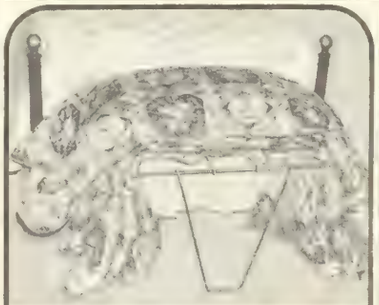
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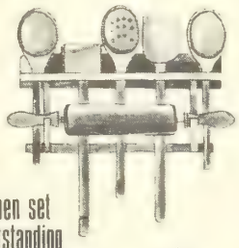
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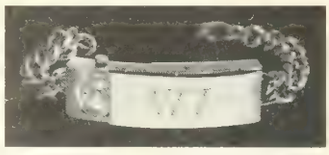
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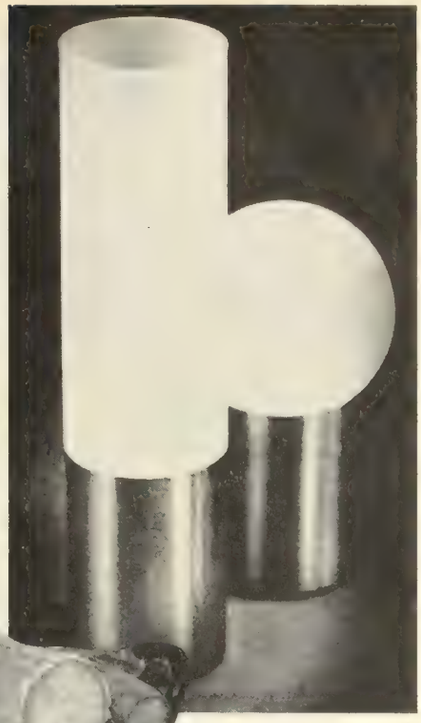
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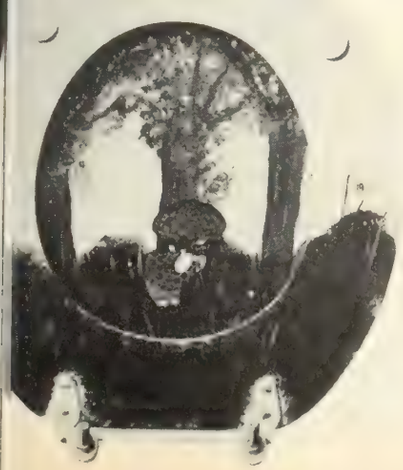
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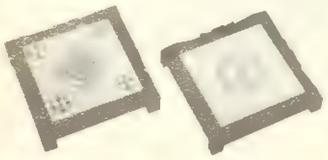
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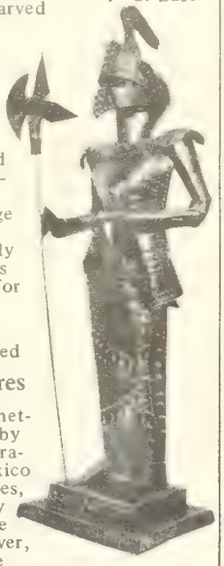


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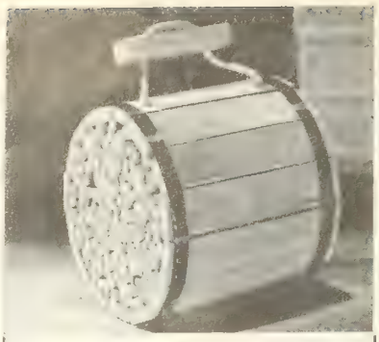
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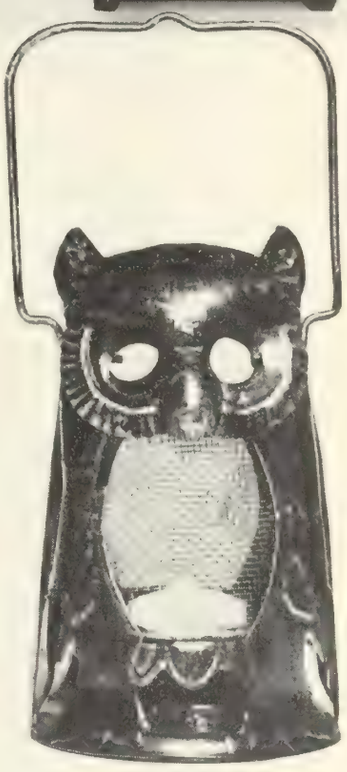




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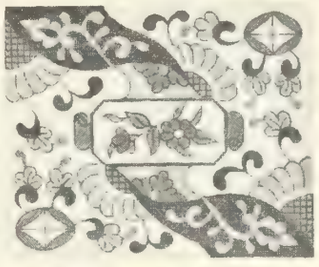


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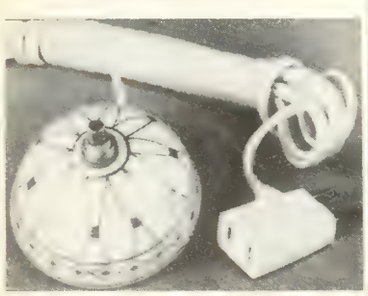
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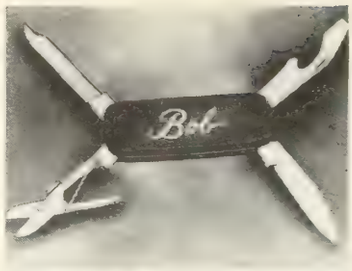
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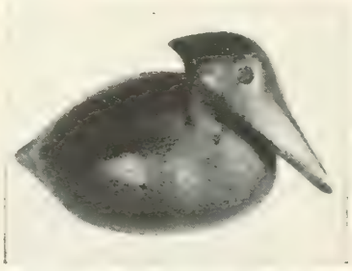
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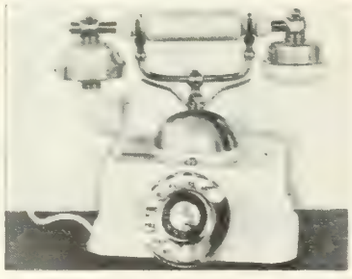
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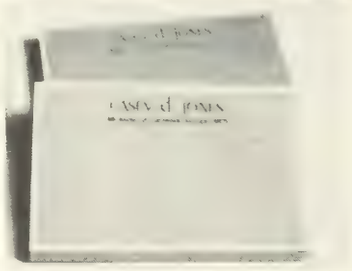
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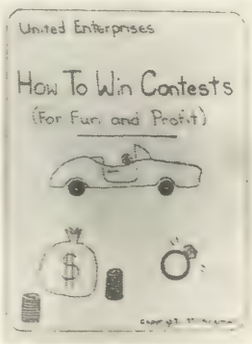
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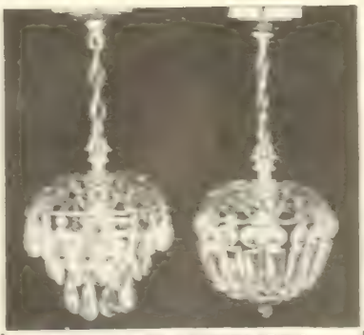
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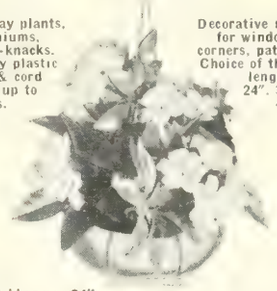
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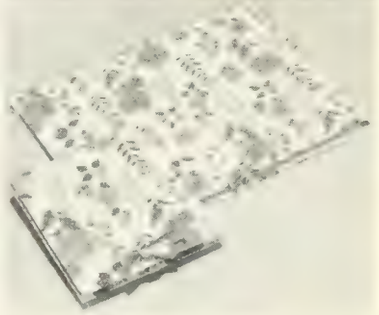


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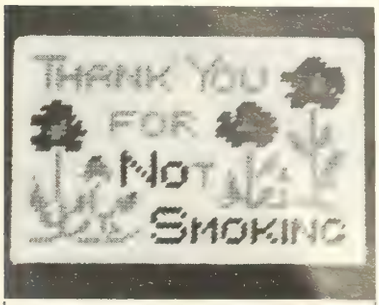
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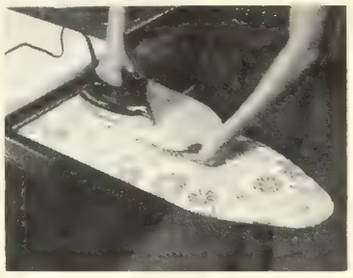
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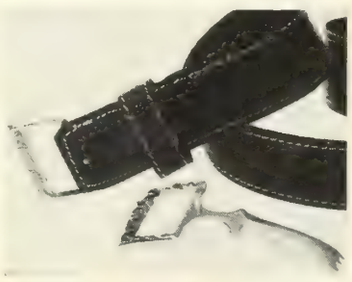
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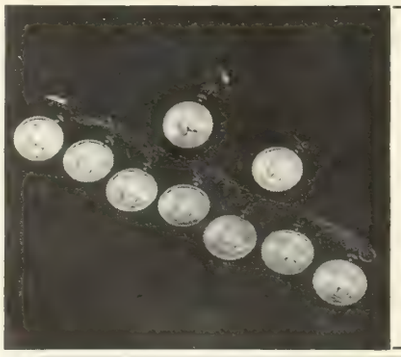
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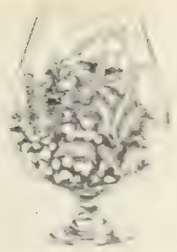


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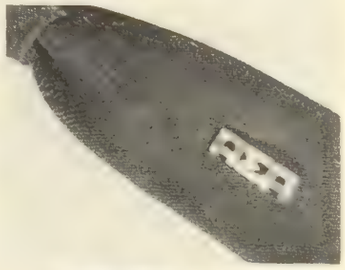
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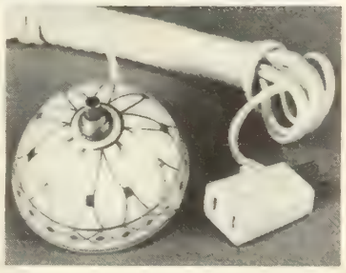
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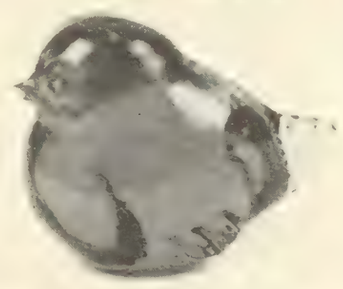
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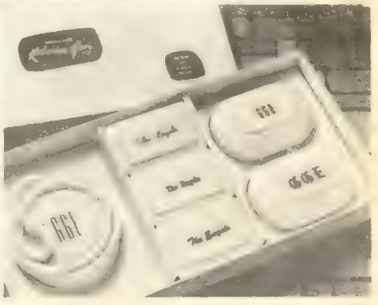
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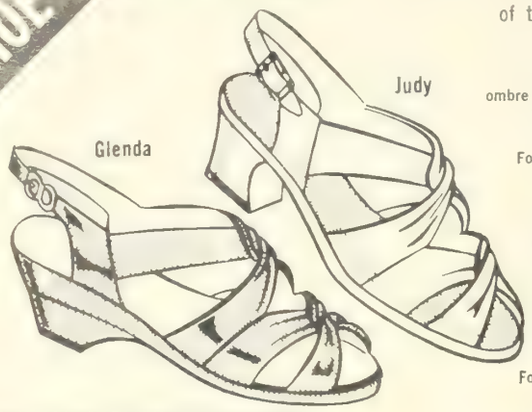


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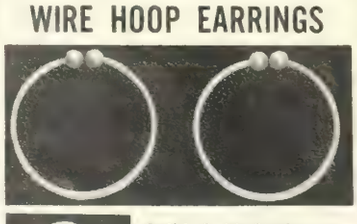


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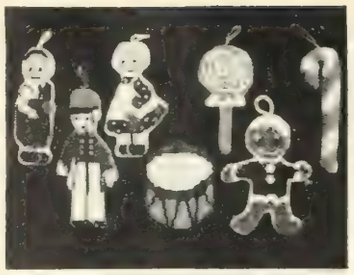
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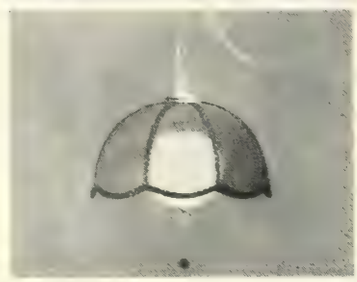
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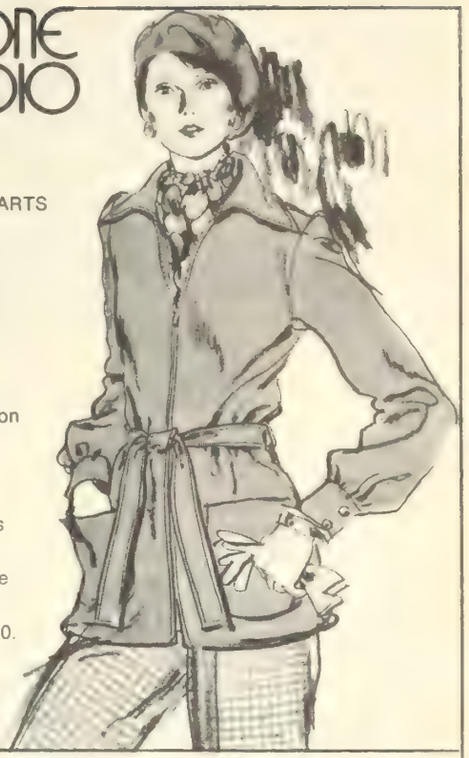
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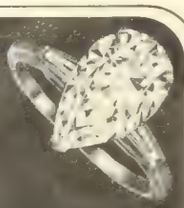
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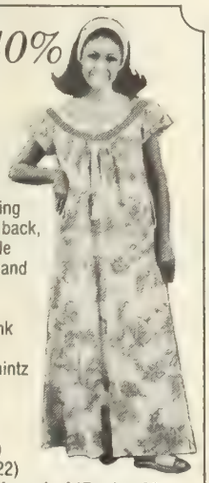


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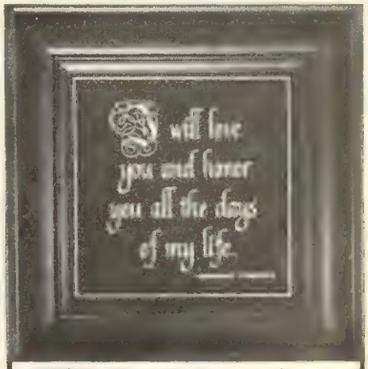
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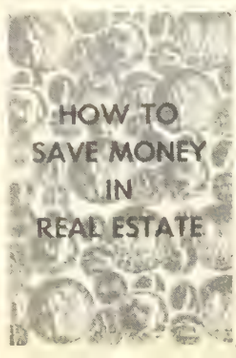


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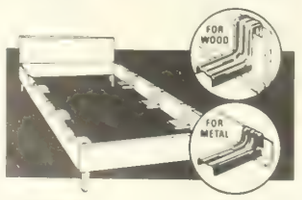


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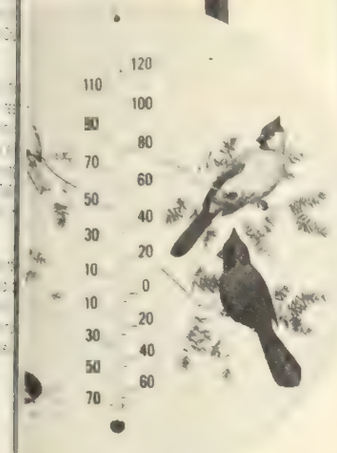


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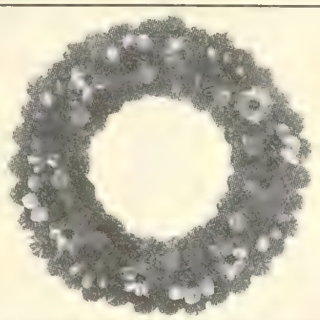


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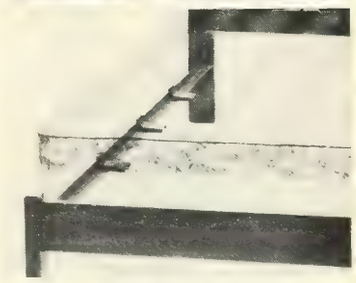
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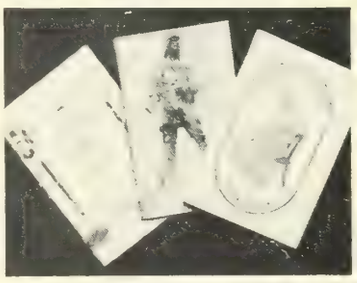
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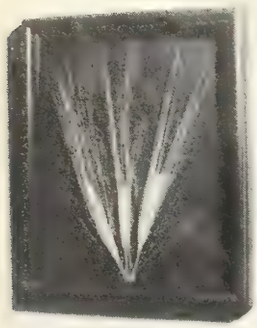
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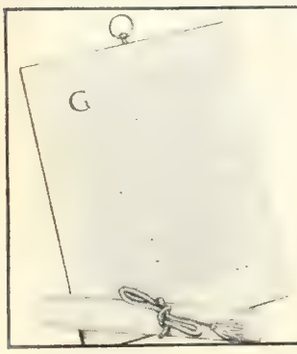
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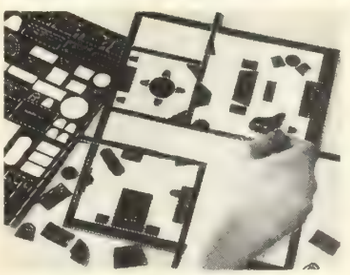
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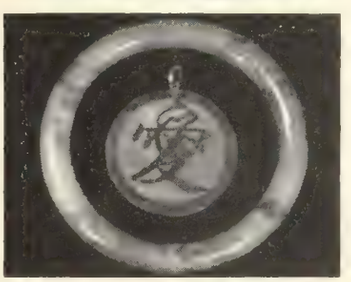
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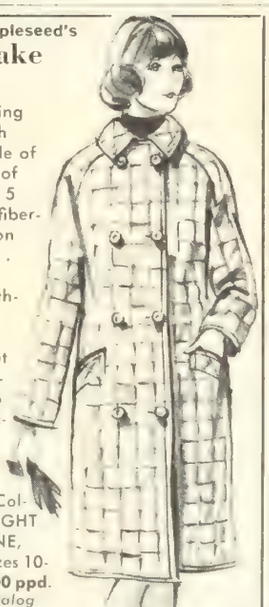
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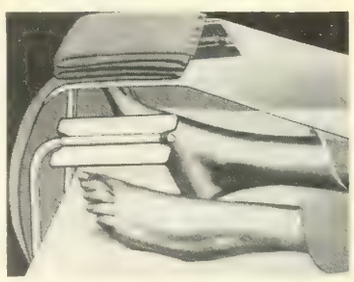
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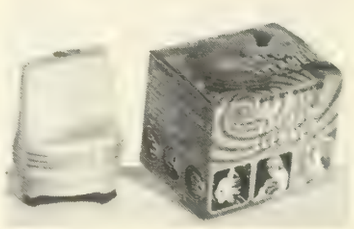
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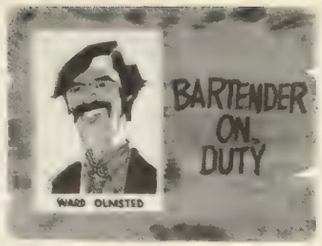
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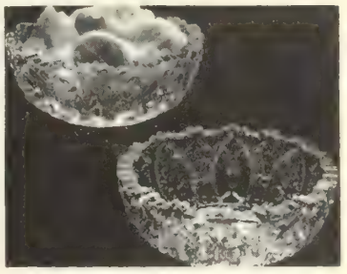
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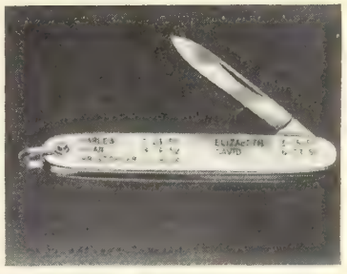
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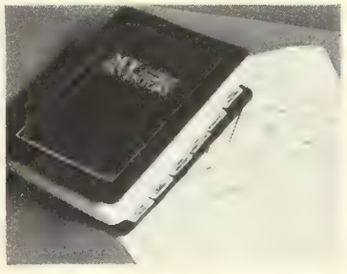
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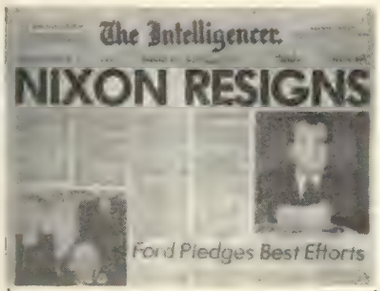


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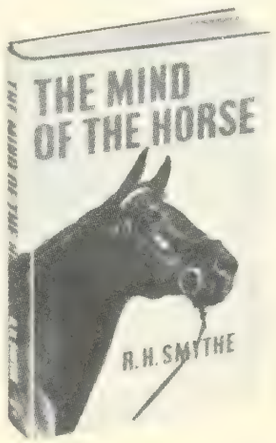


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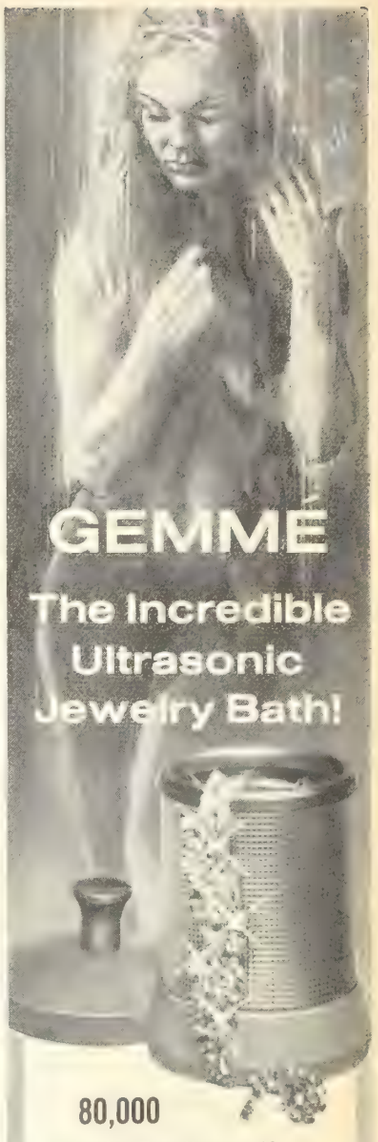
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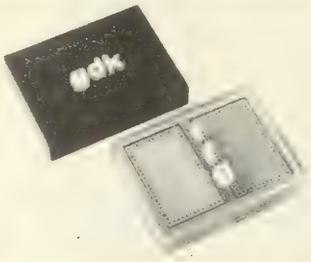


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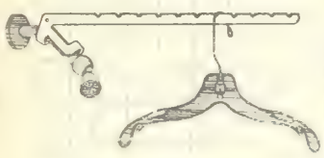
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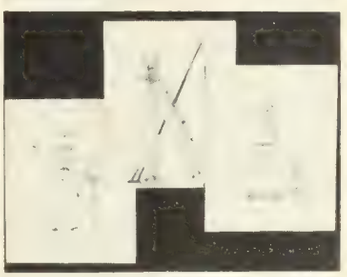
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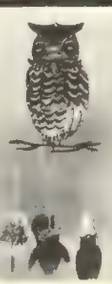
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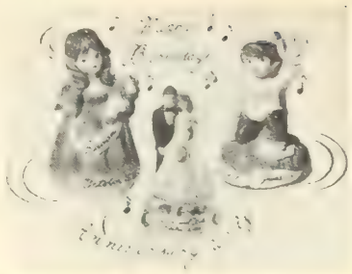


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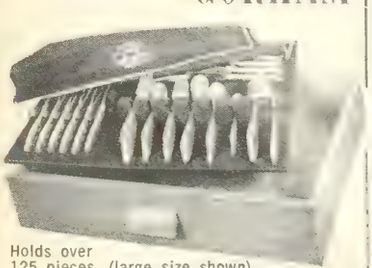
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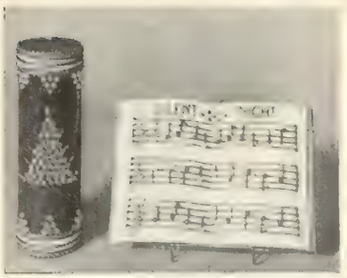


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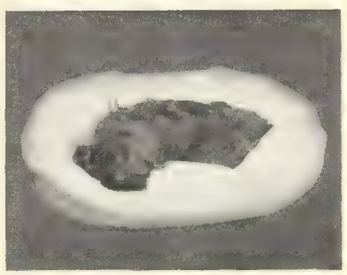
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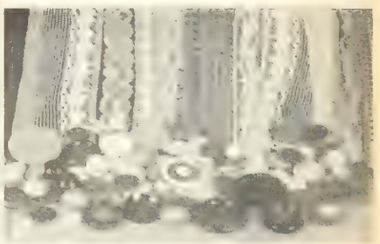
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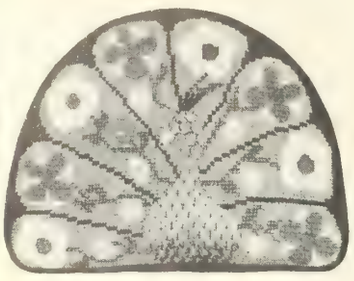
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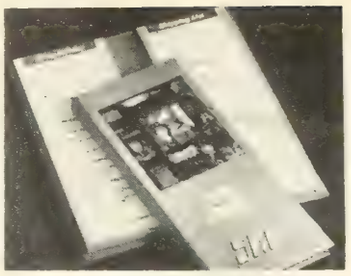
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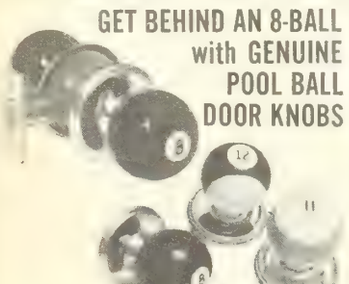


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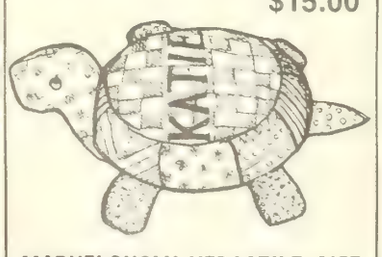
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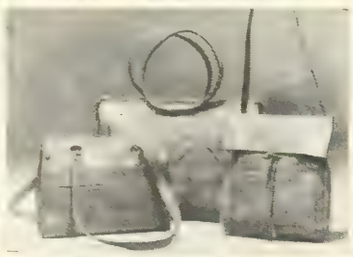
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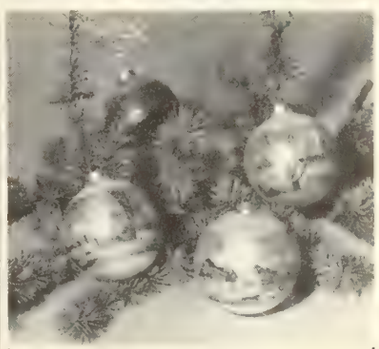


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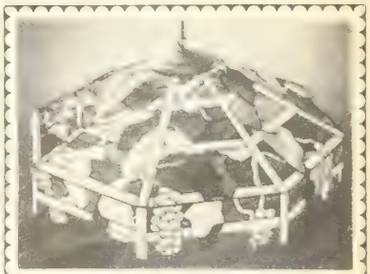
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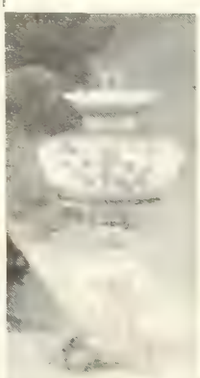
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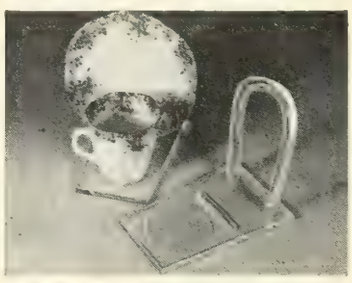
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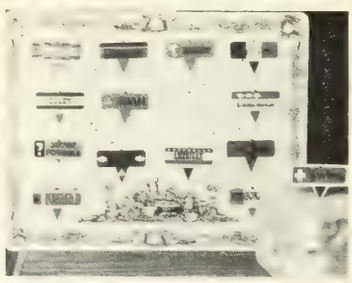
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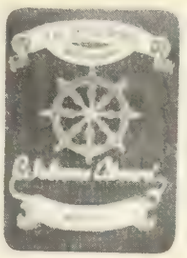
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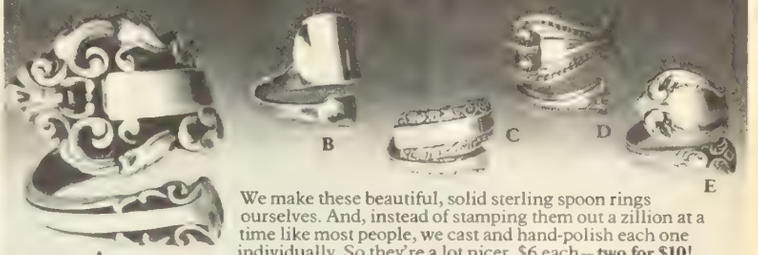
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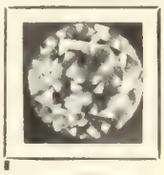


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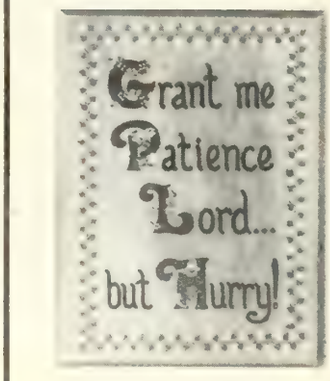
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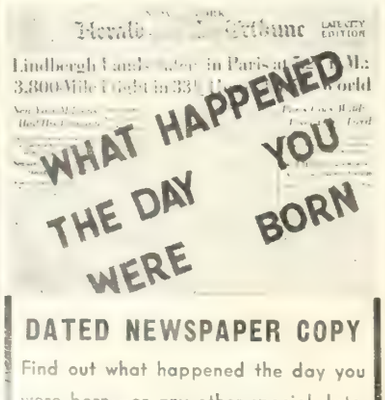
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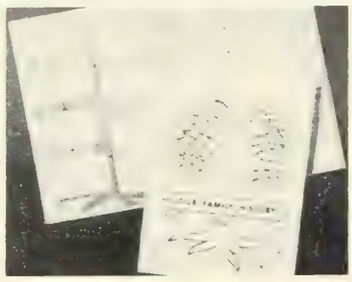
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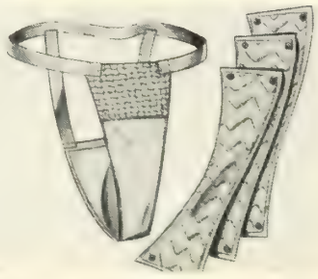
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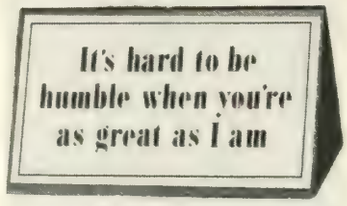
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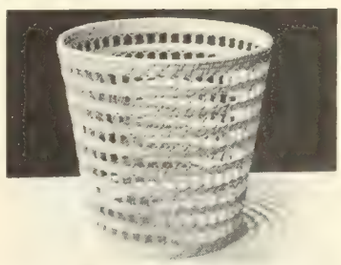
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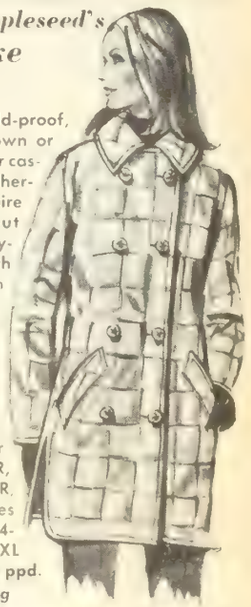


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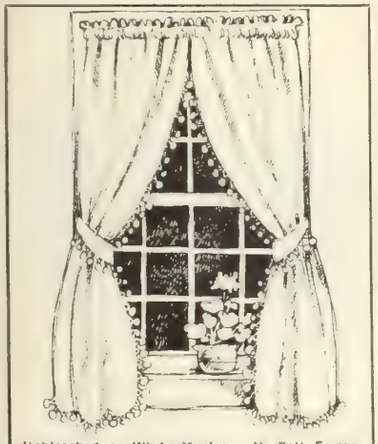
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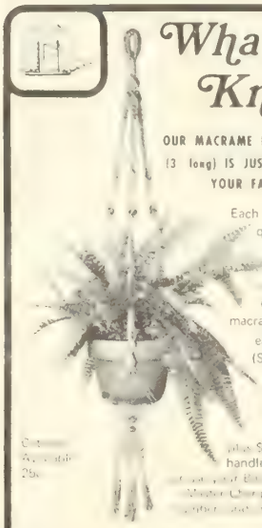
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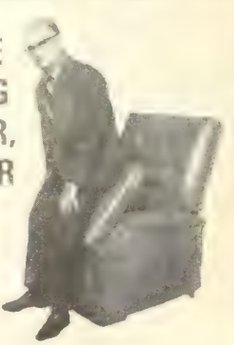
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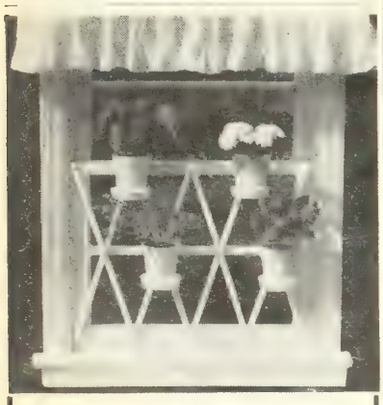




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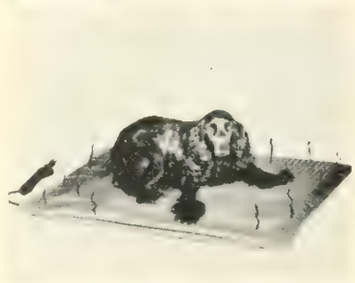
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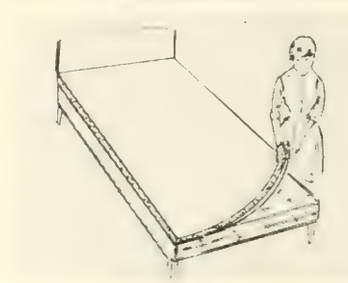
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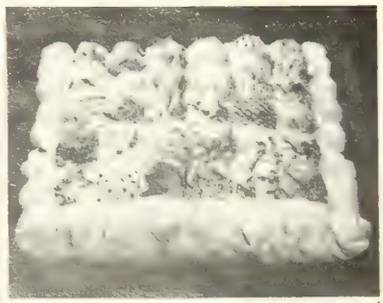
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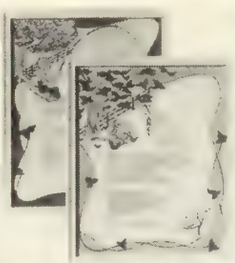
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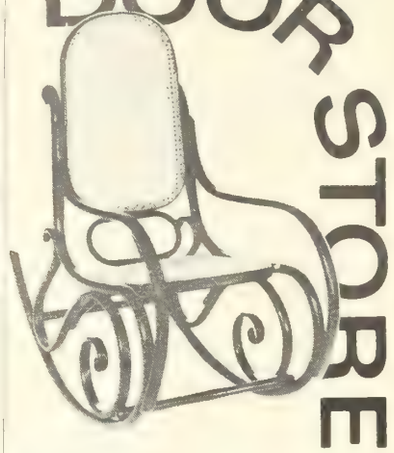
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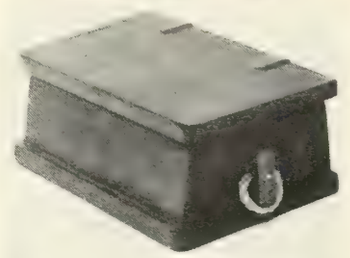


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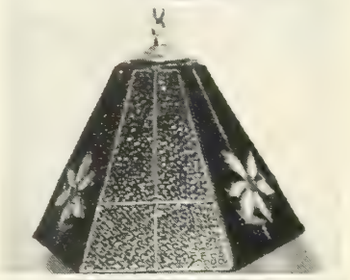
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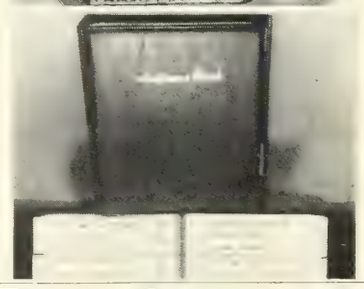
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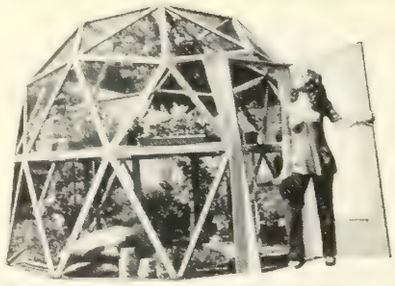
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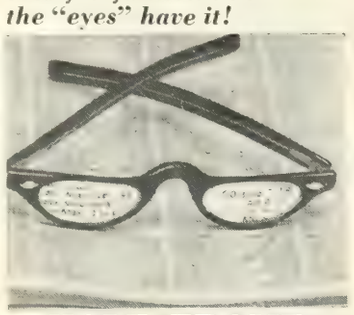
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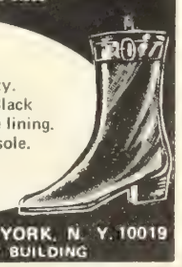
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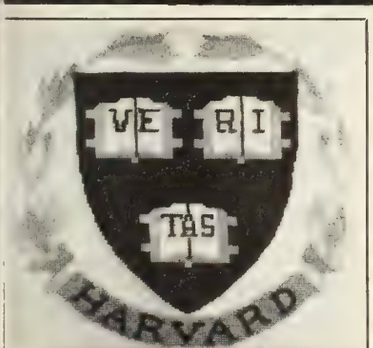
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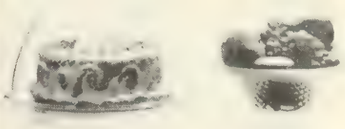
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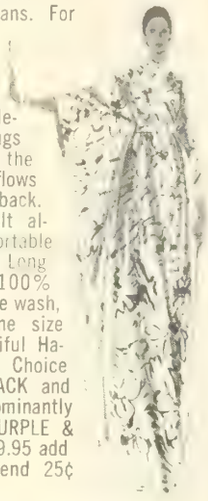
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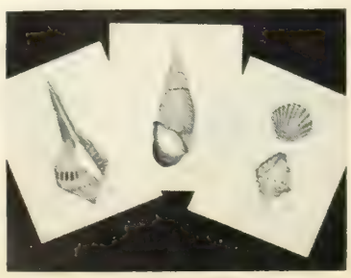
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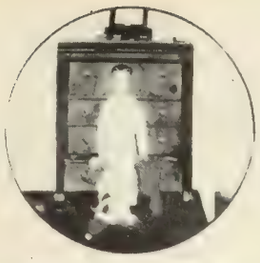


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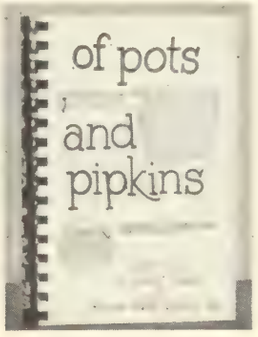
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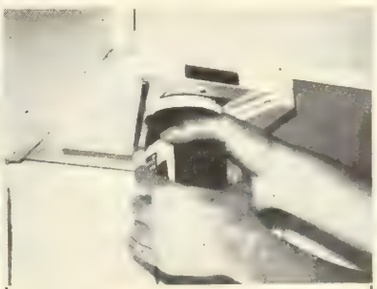
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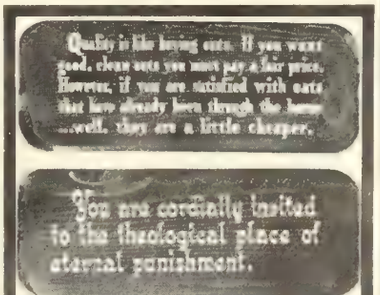
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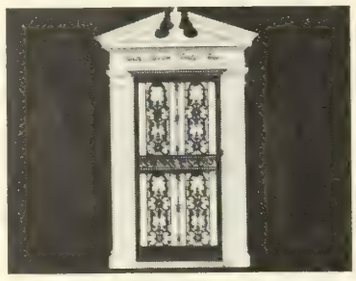
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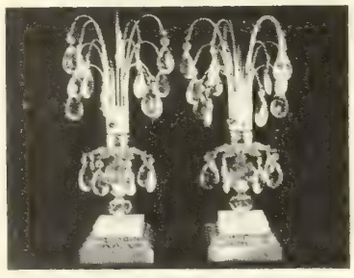
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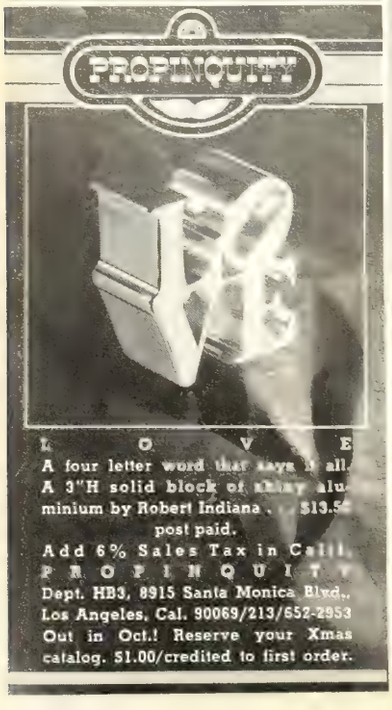
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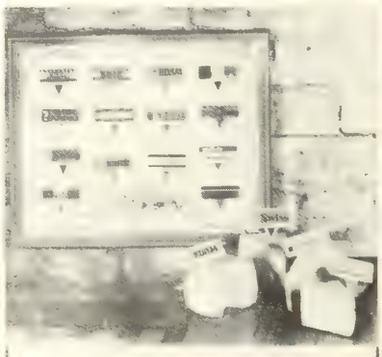
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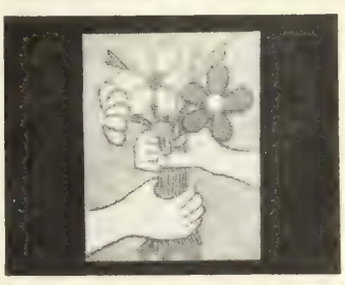
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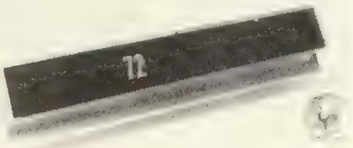




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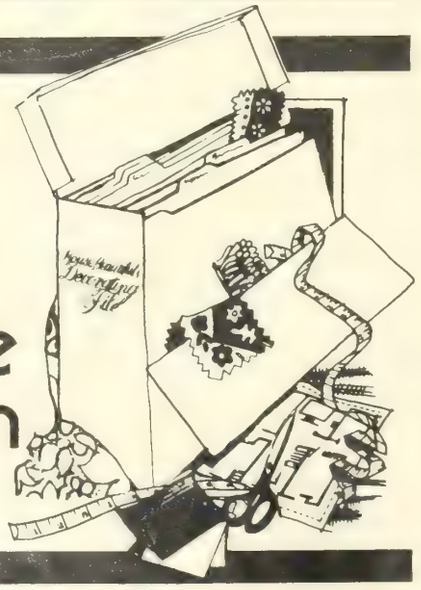
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Living room: Couches, **Stendig Inc.*** Chairs and coffee table, **Knoll International Inc.*** Sculpture by Richard Hunt.
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ollowing. His Brouilly is the avorite of **ELGA ANDEREN,** the actress who vied ith the cars for Steve McueenŠs attention in *Le Mans.*

And Bocuse Beaujolais Nouveau is New York Restaurateur **TOM MARGITTAI'S** hoice with charcuterie and hicken. For game roasts, the o-owner of the Four Seasons and the Forum of the Twelve Caesars looks to Italy, preferring the Carobbio Chianti Classico, and with summer seafood salads, Margittai likes Paul Masson Emerald Dry from California.

RICHARD LECAND of Browne F Vintners also favors Emerald Dry, a "uniquely American wine (from a hybrid developed at the University of California) with fruitiness and lively character."

ALVIN I. MALNIK of The Forge restaurant in Miami Beach leans to (*Continued*)



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Bordeaux. "In the moderately priced category, my selections would include Châteaux Cantenac Brown '69 or '70 and Paveil Deluze '69 or '70 in the reds and Châteaux Carbonnieux '66 or '69, Bouscaut, Olivier and '67, '69 or '70 Graves in white Bordeaux."

Wine merchant ***SAM AARON*** is a great explorer in the wine world and his "present find is the black legendary red wine of Cahors, grown in southwest France along the river Lot. Like the wines of its neighbor in the Médoc, Cahors is deep, round, rich in tannin. At the moment I am drinking the Cahors 1970, which is below $3 the bottle, and I have tasted bottles over 20 years old that are still vigorous."

Retailer ***RETA ROMANS*** of Tulsa has said she thinks the $1,550 she paid for a magnum of 1851 Lafite at last spring's Heublein Rare Wine Auction a bargain. In everyday wines, she feels California offers the real buys: Wente's "delightful" Le Blanc de Blanc, Chappelet 1972 Chenin Blanc "for a perfect marriage with spicy seafood," 1972 Ridge Coast Zinfandel and Louis Martini's 1971 Pinot Noir, "truly great with steak and roast."

DANTE SEMPRONI, manager of Macy's wine and spirits store, also draws his everyday choices from wines that are currently selling for under $3 a bottle in his store. His choices: Côtes du Ventoux (Avignon Vaucluse) from France, "a hearty robust wine with full bouquet, typical of the area, which I've substituted for the Châteauneuf-du-Pape I am partial to but which has gotten rather expensive; Sebastiani Zinfandel from California, a beautiful ruby-colored wine with wonderful berry bouquet; Fontana Candida Frascati from Italy, a light, dry, refreshing white."

Restaurateur ***LESTER GRUBER,*** owner of the London Chop House in Detroit, usually selects a German Mosel or a light red Bordeaux for his daily fare, and ***MURRAY DEUTCH,*** president of the New York Times Music Publishing Corp., leans toward a Verdicchio or a Chablis, with Thery's estate-bottled La Verdière "for special dinners."

Chablis also rates high with ***JOHN BENEVENTO,*** president of the respected Sommelier Society of America, who says he finds Chablis, Pouilly Fuissé and Pouilly Fumé all "light, dry and pleasant, though each has its own unique character and taste."

C. FREDERIC SCHROEDER, managing director of New York's Pleasant Valley Wine Co., takes home two Great Western varietals—the white Dutchess, "a popular American Rhine type," and the red Chelois, a recently developed French-American hybrid. (We've put away a couple of bottles of this to see how it ages and if you, too, enjoy such experiments, it's a fun wine project to start.)

Between them, ***DR. HERBERT L. GOULD*** of White Plains, N.Y., president of The Physicians' Wine Appreciation Society of the United States, and ***DR. MERVIN H. HURWITZ*** of New York City, vice-president, own an estimated 5,000-plus bottles of wine. Legendary labels rest in their collections for notable celebrations. For everyday, Dr. Gould recommends Louis Latour's 1971 Pinot Chardonnay and 1971 Fleurie as the best quality for the money, and Dr. Hurwitz turns to Côtes-du-Rhône—"If chosen carefully, a Côtes-du-Rhône can be an excellent wine at reasonable cost"—or to less well known Burgundies, such as Monthelie and Santenay, for reds, the "uniformly good" Mâcon Blanc or the Chardonnays of California for whites.

GERALD ASHER, president of California's new Monterey Vineyards, which just harvested its first grapes, is the only wine man in our survey who doesn't have a wine of his own to drink. Until Monterey has its own bottlings to sample, Asher says he'll continue to select from "wines that don't expect me to have a conversation with them—a good commune Beaujolais or a crisp Moselle Auchfenner."

Many Bordeaux winemakers solve the *vin ordinaire* question another way, making a *vin de lie* by putting together the remains left over in the barrels when wines are racked from one barrel to another. This new mixture is allowed to settle, then decanted off for drinking. It's considered fairly coarse, although ***PIERRE TARI*** of Giscours reported to Author Alexis Bespaloff this summer that his 1964 *vin de lie* is now excellent. And ***RAOUL BLONDIN,*** cellarmaster at Mouton-Rothschild, notes that his *vin de lie* is a Mouton—"One mustn't spoil one's palate."

Others at famed Bordeaux châteaux don't have the problem, because they make several wines. ***ALAIN QUERRE*** of Monbousquet, for example, enjoys his Bouquet de Monbousquet on a daily basis, and ***BERNARD GINESTET*** can choose from several wines besides his family's prized Château Margaux. His current everyday favorite? Ginestet's Bourdeaux Vieux 1971.

Actor ***TONY RANDALL,*** one half of ABC's *The Odd Couple,* takes an entirely different route. "I have invested a small fortune in wines, but my storage bill became so outrageous that I had to give it up," Randall says. "I have no one particular favorite wine, though Nuit St. Georges Burgundy is exceptional and 1957 Lafite is superb. I have found that in better New York restaurants, when you order by the glass, you're generally served California wine. For lunch, I prefer beer."

BRUNO PRAT of Clos d'Estournel, at 35 the youngest owner of a major château in Bordeaux, also refused to list an everyday favorite. "I enjoy wine," he explains, "and I think each person should sample the best he can. If that means passing up lesser wines on a daily basis so he can afford good wines occasionally, then that's what I think best."

Music Tycoon ***AHMET M. ERTEGUN,*** president of Atlantic Recording Corp., points out that though the wines from the bad years will cost much less, "Some expensive first-growth wines in bad years sometimes are almost as good as in the good years and certainly are drinkable, such as Château Cheval Blanc or Latour in a year like '68." Some other wines on this list: Château Hanteillan '66, Château Ducru Beaucaillou '67, Château Haut-Brion '62, Pouilly Fumé Ladoucette—"as fresh as possible"—and a "marvelous country red from Sherry-Lehmann called Fitou.

MICHEL LEGRAND is another Oscar-winner who's given us many winning songs. And he's also one of those in show business who lives very well, refusing to list any wine but his favorite Château Haut-Brion 1959.

And then there's ***SAMMY DAVIS JR.,*** who's been happy to take money for making commercials for Manischewitz wine but responded to our questionnaire with only one name—Château Lafitte (sic) Rothschild 1946. Oh, well, with talent like his, we guess he can dare what a Rothschild never would and call Lafite an everyday wine—but 1946? André Simon's *Wines of the World* lists 1946 as only a fair to middling year for Bordeaux, and we won't even ask where Sammy's buying his supply. If some retailer is selling him quantities of "1946 Lafitte" for everyday drinking, then that merchant is putting on Sammy even more than Sammy tried to do us. We certainly hope he's not paying too much for it. ■



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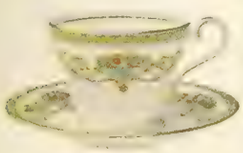
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By DOROTHEA HARDING □ Right about now, you could be frantic over what to give an in-law who has "everything," frustrated by the crowded stores and traffic jams, and quite possibly filled with indecision, panic, exhaustion and guilt. If Christmas has become that time of year when it is more painful to give than to receive, it's time to change your shopping habits for the better.

What follows are suggestions collected from experts—that is, people I know who seem to sail calmly through the pre-holiday season. I pass on their ideas to you with the thought that they may make your holiday shopping more simplified, and keep you more relaxed.

Saturdays are for masochists. Shop on weekday mornings. Be there when the store opens and leave before the lunchtime horde crowds in at noon. If you work, try and arrange to take an early lunch hour. Most stores I queried said that Wednesday was the least-crowded day, and that in general, "all nights are very bad."

Pretend there is only one store. Instead of torturing yourself by wondering whether the selection is better at another store, choose one good store and buy everything there.

Leave the mailing to everyone else. Stores are better equipped than you to mail out-of-town packages. And weighed against standing in long lines at the post office, plus the cost of wrapping paper, string, insurance and your time, the extra charge for this store service will look like a bargain. Do remember to take along your personal gift cards when you go shopping.

Prune your gift list. Be realistic. Say, the Andersons used to be your best friends. Now you see them once every two years. In lieu of the presents you've always exchanged, send a newsy Christmas letter and suggest a moratorium on gift-giving. Almost surely you'll find they've been anxious to do the same thing for a long time.

Give a family gift. Instead of one present each for your sister, brother-in-law and their five children, consider a pet or a hammock, membership to the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, a magazine or a book club subscription. A saving for you in time, shopping and probably a saving in money. Moreover, the right gift (singular) will be sure to please all members of the lucky family.

Don't ask Cynthia what she wants. Ask what category of gifts she would like—clothing, books, records, stuffed toys, craft items, etc. A specific question often gets you a specific answer, and leads you into spending more money than you had anticipated, and/or more time to track down the likes of a long-sleeved, off-white, scoop-necked cashmere sweater with blue tassels. More than that, the sweater is no surprise for Cynthia, and providing surprise is half the fun of giving.

Let your fingers do the walking. Rather than hike from store to store, telephone to locate that hard-to-find gift. Do so early in the day, before the lines become jammed.

Shop at home. Chances are you've already received a dozen store catalogs and an equal number of mail-order catalogs. Let it be emphasized that it is not immoral or a sign of laziness to shop by mail. It is time sav- (*Continued*)

No. 11: SHARE AN ISLAND

FINDING A TRUE GETAWAY MAY BE EASIER THAN YOU THINK

By SUSAN SCHRAUB □ Over the holidays, Malcolm Brennan and his wife, Catherine, will be relaxing on the gift they gave each other last year: a 3.7-acre island in the Bahamas. A small, unimproved cottage—really no more than shelter and the only dwelling on the island—was part of their purchase. The island lacks electricity and running water. Mrs. Brennan cooks with bottled gas, collects rainwater just as the islanders have for centuries, and they both read at night by light from kerosene lamps. Uncomfortable or lonely? "Not at all," she says. "After the quick pace of our lives in Boston, the island solitude is heavenly, and the camping-out necessities don't bother me at all. It's a stimulating change from the easy life in my modern kitchen at home."

Sound tempting? Island life is idyllic for some, anathema to others. Of course, not everyone camps as this couple does. It's possible to buy an island with mainland-style amenities installed or, by spending a lot of additional money, you can have them put in on your own. Yet, many people who have dreamed of an island as the ultimate getaway may be surprised to learn that not all islands are tropical paradises reserved for recluse millionaires. It's a question of what you are willing to settle for. The people at Previews Inc.—famous purveyors of châteaux on the Loire and castles in Spain—insist that small, inexpensive islands are available in many areas.

To wit: A parcel of land including a peninsula and two islands in Bird Lake, Ontario, Canada, was offered not long ago at $45,000. "In the Bahamas," claims Previews Vice President Bill Craig, "islands can be had starting at about $40,000. They're quite small, of course, only a few acres." And the Bahamas have an added advantage of practically no taxes of any kind. It's an advantage not present in other islands, however. Bob Hale, host of several Chicago television shows and one of several land owners on Detroit Island in Lake Michigan, discusses his predicament. "On this island we are only zoned to put up non-permanent residences. Yet, we are taxed for schools and roads we (*Continued*)

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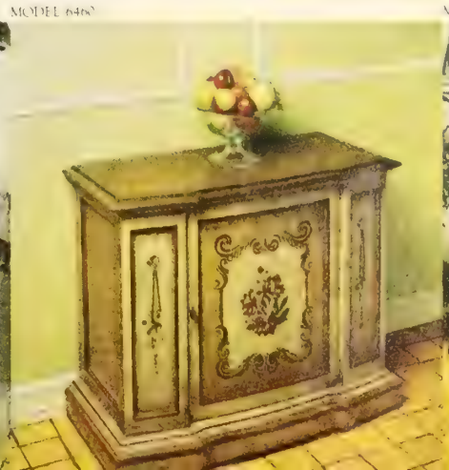
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ing, intelligent and, with the quality of many mail-order sources higher than ever before, a dependable way to solve holiday shopping. One informant told me she sent away for out-of-town catalogs; then surprised her maiden aunt in New York City with a lovely gift from Neiman-Marcus in Dallas. Then, of course, there are always the wonderful Window Shopping pages in this and every issue of House Beautiful.

For the person who has everything. There is always something: an artistic effort of your own, tickets to a play or concert, a night on the town, tennis lessons, bridge lessons. Steer away from buying *things*, and concentrate on giving something fresh and new and fun, something unexpected. Not a bad idea for the person who has nothing, too.

Don't succumb to second thoughts. Once you buy what you intended to buy, don't let yourself fret that it isn't enough. If you thought it was enough originally, it's still enough.

Keep in mind that well-planned holiday shopping—beyond saving you time and needless frustration—can bring you closer to your friends and relatives. Freed from pressure, you can reflect upon their likes and dislikes and plot constructively to give them pleasure. In the process, you will be reminded of what they mean to you, which is, after all, the whole idea.

ISLANDS

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can't use and fire protection we don't get." Any part-time islander could find himself in a similar situation.

Besides the basic cost and any taxes, there are other monetary considerations. Ann Wilder, also of Previews, cautions "everything costs about 25% more on an island." Include in this estimate any construction, electricity and telephone. On Detroit Island, Bob Hale tells us "electric costs will be astronomical—about $600 just to lay the cable and then a minimum of $50 per family per year for minimum wattage."

And then there's the question of accessibility. One enterprising college student made some inquiries and discovered he could actually afford to buy an island in the Aegean and, with the low cost of local labor, build a small house. Unfortunately, he couldn't afford to get there and back. Indeed, the costs involved in transit can be so high as to render the whole situation unfeasible. Owning an island in the Bahamas, for example, may mean flying to the nearest airstrip and chartering a plane or boat to get to your island, or eliminating the middle man and buying your own means of transport.

Other islands, though less exotic, may be more accessible. Consider DuMont Island in Glen Wild Lake, Passaic County, N.J. Its former owner, a New York City businessman, commuted the 30 miles to work every day for six years, powering his little motor boat to the mainland to pick up his car. Or Oak Island in Lake Consuella near Floral City, Fla. In addition to the 5½-room house and the extensive gardens, this parcel has the distinct advantage of a bridge to the mainland.

If these islands seem to be located predominantly in the East, it's not due to a lapse in our research. Unfortunately, there are few islands off the West Coast, except around the Northwest and Canada. British Columbia has quite a few islands, excellent getaway spots for hunting and fishing.

This is not to say that if you do have several million dollars lying around, Previews can't find something for you. Consider Whale Cay in the Bahamas, former domain of Marion "Jo" Carstairs, the famous racing boat driver of the 1920s. Ms. Carstairs, rather eccentric, gave her fancy free rein here. She built a Spanish mansion; four guest houses, each with its own kitchen and playhouse; a church with imported stained glass; a lookout tower now turned into a museum housing her mementos. Not wishing to inhabit her island alone, however, she "imported" a small group of natives, built them a town and school and bought them color guard uniforms to march in. Now, the entire 650-acre island, with mansion, town and, we suppose, natives is for sale: $2½ million.

Should any of this have inspired you to seek your own island, Ann Wilder offers some pointers. Check the water supply. You can literally be surrounded without a drop to drink. Some islands are hooked up to mainland (*Continued on page 16*)

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water systems. Check the electricity. You may need a generator if there are no cables from the mainland. Look for a sheltered harbor, important if you plan to keep a boat. A high central ridge is advantageous. It creates a leeward side, good protection for a house. In addition, speak with local people concerning erosion in the area. Your island paradise could shrink after one or two good storms.

crafts

Keep up with your friends with cards. Keep up with yourself with calendars. Some of the finest of each come from museums. The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, for instance, has a catalog full of Christmas cards and gifts (50 cents from the Museum Shop, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 02115), including a small wall calendar, 4½ by six inches ($1.60 postpaid). Its theme is instruments and musicians with prints taken from the museum's collection. New York's Metropolitan Museum features an engagement calendar for 1975, "Life in America" ($4.20 postpaid), with illustrations of our past activities as seen by artists such as Currier & Ives, Winslow Homer and Frederic Remington. Catalog has color reproductions of the museum's huge supply of Christmas cards and other excellent gift ideas in all price ranges (25 cents from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 255 Gracie Station, New York City 10028). The Museum of Modern Art's engagement calendar is "On Time," an exploration of life and time captured by the world's great photographers with mostly black-and-white photographs. The calendar is $6.70 postpaid from the Museum of Modern Art, Box 5300, Lenox Hill Station, New York City 10021. Catalog, 25 cents, shows contemporary cards and gift ideas.
A variety of calendars by Hallmark offers something for everyone. They, too, explore America with "Our American Heritage," a monthly engagement calendar, and "Remember When," with sketches of ice cream parlors, windmills and one-room schoolhouses among others (each, $2.50). For those who love the sea, gardening, sports, animals, there's something here for you, too. At stores where Hallmark products are sold. Eskimo cards and calendars and quilt design notepaper fill a need in all seasons. Eskimo Hasty Notes come in various designs ($2.80 postpaid) and calendar features 12 different Eskimo designs that you might want to frame after the year is over ($7 postpaid), both from The American Indian Arts Center, 1042 Madison Ave., New York City 10021. The silkscreened note cards of various quilt patterns come 10 to a box, assorted ($2.20 postpaid), from Appalachian Fireside Crafts, Box 276, Booneville, Ky. 41314. A catalog of the group's Kentucky quilts and handcrafts is available for $1. Appalachian Fireside Crafts is a cooperative organized by Save the Children Federation and now includes more than 200 low-income families.
—ANNE OGDEN

address book

New collectibles and tight money contribute to an increasing demand for a wide variety of restoration needs. Clip and add this column to your copy of the Address Book Directory for quick reference. The Directory is available for 50 cents from room 957.—JEAN BAKER

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The New York Antiques Centre, 962 Third Ave., New York City 10022—maintains restoration service for all manner of antiques; object must be brought to Centre, where it is examined and referred to the appropriate artisan; restoration is not recommended if cost exceeds value; service under supervision of the director, Vincent van der Straeten, former dealer in antiques with long experience in restorations; no items accepted through the mail.

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books

■ When Eszter Haraszty and her husband, Bruce David Colen, escapees from New York, found a half-acre of privacy on a hill in Los Angeles, they decided that floral prints would bring nature into their open, airy house. But the prints they saw wouldn't do; they *looked* like floral prints, and she wanted only the suggestion of a field of flowers. She put aside her years-long aversion to needlework and created her own fabrics; then wrote about it—**Needlepainting, a Garden of Stitches** (Liveright, $12.95) is the result. Her stitchery is nothing short of magic; drawings and photographs in black and white and color illustrate the book. And, she says, if she can do it, so can you.

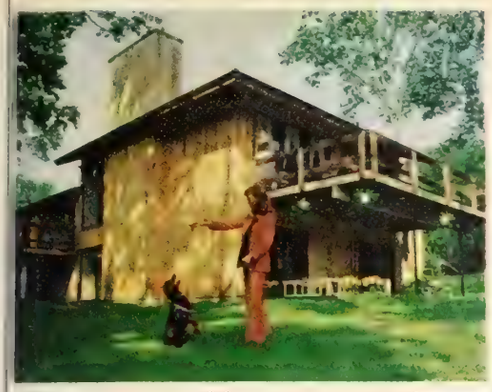
■ Here is a comprehensive historical, architectural and folk account of New York City. Harmon H. Goldstone, former chairman of the New York City Landmarks Commission, and Martha Dalrymple, former newspaperwoman who has worked with the commission for several years, have compiled **History Preserved, a Guide to New York City Landmarks and Historic Districts** (Simon & Schuster, $12.95). This book follows the types of architecture from the early Dutch settlers' mansions and row houses through Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival and Gothic Revival structures. The book is divided into the five boroughs, each unique borough subdivided into residences; churches, synagogues, cemeteries; public buildings; commercial buildings, and historic districts.

■ RECENT BOOKS BRIEFLY

Trim-a-Tree Made Easy by Michael D. Hektoen (All Seasons, $2.95). First, decide on the theme you want your tree to carry out; then follow this step-by-step guide containing explicit line drawings and 12 full-color pages of completed Christmas trees. **There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight** by Robert Quackenbush (Lippincott, $5.50) commemorates the 1871 Chicago fire. The author has added new verses to the old song and has illustrated the folk song with gay drawings. Added: information on fire safety.—HELEN BRIGGS ■

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Instant inspiration

—suggestions for extra-special gifts

By MOLLY SIPLE □ *Here is a quick stroll through some leading department stores to help you in your shopping. Cartier presents a desk set (right) in cobalt blue Limoges with 24 kt. gold poppies: pad, $75, letter opener, $16, memo pad and stamp dispenser, each $27.50; frame, $35. And from Bonwit Teller, a cut-crystal cache-pot, $67.50, and bowl, $90 (below).*

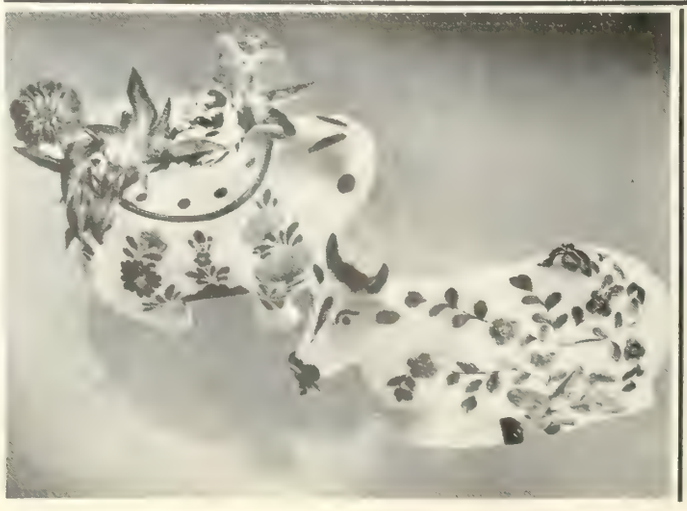






Shreve, Crump & Low offers a grand King Charles II Goblet, 24 kt. gilt on sterling, $475. From Tiffany & Co.: separating double key ring, $36, a hand-painted porcelain frog for flowers, $40, and bull casserole, $32. (Continued)





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Shreve, Crump & Low's charming Christmas jewelry/tree ornaments are a two-inch high sterling fawn, $14, and teddy bear, 2¼ inches high, $12. Other figures are available. Cartier offers a chrome-and-leather, hot and cold decanter with two glasses and tray at $165.





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Editors JOHN H. INGERSOLL and ELVIN McDONALD □ Useful gifts, uniquely suited to the recipient, are great fun to give —as well as to receive.

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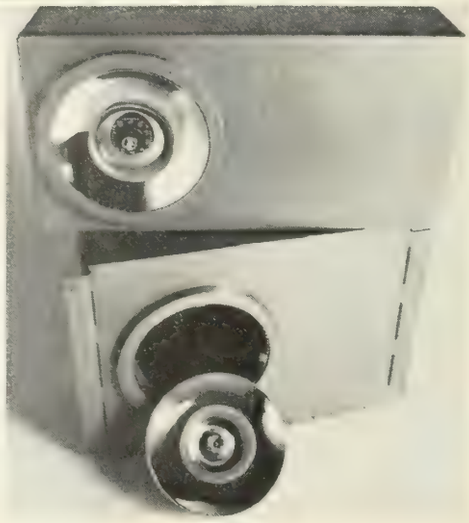


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MICHEL-ALEXIS TCHEREVKOFF

Classic gardener's basket is handmade in England by Dicker Trug; 22-inch size about $15 from Walter Nicke, Box 71, Hudson, N.Y., 12534. To save your treasures from the proverbial moth and rust—and omnipresent thieves, install "Mini Safe" (see text).



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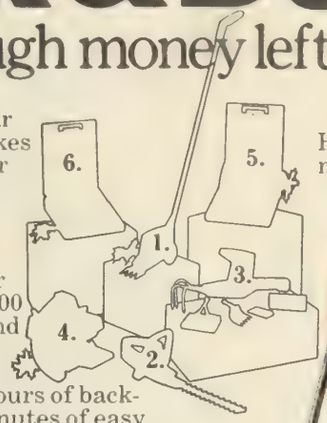
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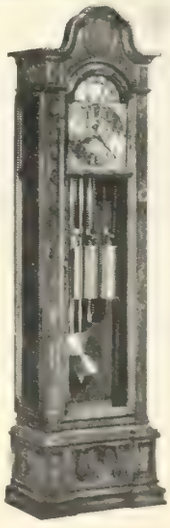
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Cookbooks 1971

—end-of-the-year round-up of the best

By HELEN McCULLY □ In his busy life, Louis P. DeGouy turned out a whale of a lot of cookbooks. Now, Dover Publications has reprinted five: **The Bread Book** ($3.50), **Creative Hamburger Cookery** ($1.50), **The Soup Book** ($3.00), **Ice Cream** and **Ice Cream Desserts** ($2.50), **The Pie Book** ($3.00). DeGouy not only gives the reader an incredible number of splendid recipes but he gives her (him?) sound, basic information, more often than not lacking in cookbooks. The title of **The Simmering Pot Cookbook** by Alice Devine Loebel (Macmillan, $7.95) is somewhat misleading in that it is not, as you might think, a soup book but, more precisely, sturdy food cooked in a pot, be it meat, fish, fowl, or vegetables. Recipes for some good desserts are also included.

Chocolate rears its delicious head in **The Chocolate Cookbook** by Juliette Elkon (Bobbs-Merrill, $8.95) and the recipes are, as the jacket points out, "shamefully rich." **Maida Heatter's Book of Great Desserts** (Knopf, $10) is the kind of good book you would expect from Maida. Her recipes for Brownies (first baked at the ripe age of 10 years) started her, she says, on the tricky road to becoming a pastry cook.

Fruits in Cooking by Robert Ackart (Macmillan, $9.95) has explored cooking with many fruits (23 all told) in depth. Taking one fruit, grapes for example, the author gives you 15 recipes covering entrées, vegetables and desserts that all "call for" grapes. In addition he discusses the specific fruit at the opening of each section. Because we do not cook with fruit to any extent in the U.S., a good number of these excellent recipes are derived from foreign cuisines.

American Indian Food and Lore by Carolyn Niethammer (Collier-Macmillan, $4.95) is a fascinating book—for cooking, perhaps—but more precisely as a documentation of the way of life of the tribes of Arizona and New Mexico. With meat on everybody's tongue (no pun intended) these days, it's not surprising to discover a book devoted to that subject. **The Meat Book** (Scribner's, $8.95) by Travers Moncure Evans and David Greene, who was a professional meat cutter, is packed with good sound information that includes buying, cutting, storing, freezing and carving.

And there are two books on poultry. Michele Evans' **All Poultry Cookbook** (Dell, paperback, $1.25) is good, standard fare. **365 Ways to Cook Chicken** by Carl Lyren (Doubleday, $6.95) is a really comprehensive coverage of chicken cookery. One of our tests of a cookbook is to see how the author cooks breast of chicken. Lyren rates with the best. Michele Evans has another book, **Recipes for Beautiful Soup**, (Dell paperback, $1.25) and proves herself a sound cook.

This year, 365 seems to be the magic number (see *above*), for now we come to **365 Ways to Cook Pasta** by Jacques Harvey (Doubleday, $6.95). Chef and restaurateur in his own right, Harvey has written a first-rate book with a first-rate collaborator, Alfredo of Rome's famous Alfredo l'Originale. **The Stouffer Cookbook** (Random House, $7.95), covers 50 years of cooking that started out with this modest menu: cheese sandwiches, buttermilk and Dutch apple pie. **American Fried (Adventures of a Happy Eater)** by Calvin Trillin (Doubleday, $6.95) is essentially Trillin's constant struggle to get something decent to eat. He has our sympathy. A regular contributor to the *New Yorker* ("U. S. Journal"), he manages in this book to keep you, the reader, smiling. In **The Grammar of Cooking** by Carol Braider (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, $7.95), the author does a very good job of explaining the involved language of cookery and with it gives many of the important basic recipes. It's a useful book, although we regret we disagree with her meat thermometer readings. Too high!

Hors d'Oeuvre, etc. by the duo Coralie Castle and Barbara Lawrence (101 Productions, $3.95 in paper, $7.95 in hard cover) is as attractive as all their books. Some of these recipes go somewhat beyond our idea of *hors d'oeuvre*, but that's really hair splitting.

Then we have **Gourmet Gifts from Your Kitchen** by Ceil Dyer (Macmillan, $6.95), which has very practical gift ideas (jams, jellies, etc., candies, cakes, etc.) with imaginative as well as practical packaging ideas.

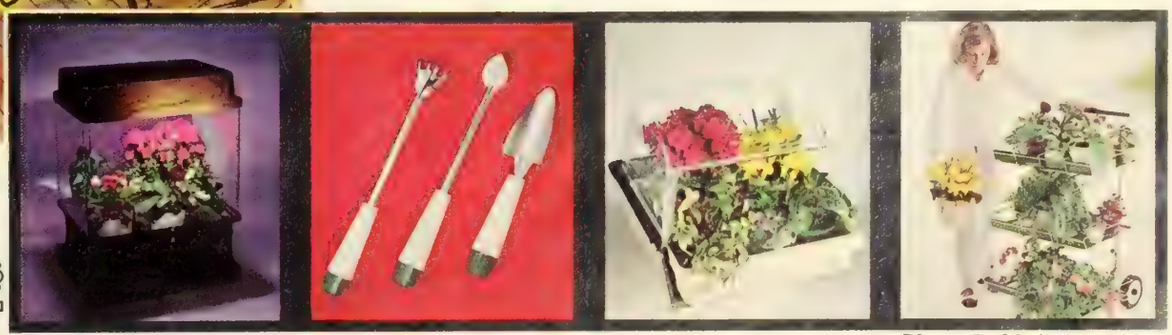
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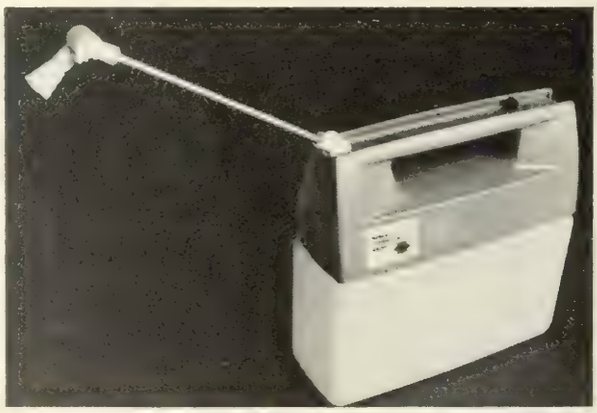
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YOUR MOST BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS EVER

'tis time for merriment, time for

A FLOURISH OF FESTIVITY



a splendid glow of white and silver

Holiday welcome in the New York home of Stockton Briggle and Steven Willig (*above*)—afternoon tea in old full-fig grand manner to the gleam of a glitter-laden tree, streamered in silver, fluttered with snowy doves. Briggle and Willig are theatrical producers and the silver-and-white trimmings are the handmade gifts of friends who usually show their creative bent onstage—all chiming in elegantly with the white-on-silver Chinoiserie of the year-round wall covering.

visions of sugar plums and stockings hung by the fire with care

A yum-yum tree (*far right*), that looks good enough to eat, is massed with fake gumdrops and barleysugar canes and then misted with glitter-powder spray. Guest gifts wrapped in striped candy-cane paper and mantel-hung stockings, like curly-toed fairy-tale boots (filled with real bonbons for guests to eat), are part of this candle-lit decorating by Billy Walker's Flowers in a Manhattan room designed by John Terry Brown Jr.

a dolly wreath that says 'hello'

Pert members of a treasured doll collection come out of their cases at Christmastime to perch sassily with baubles on the traditional evergreen wreath at the entrance to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chumo's house in Pacific Palisades, Calif. (*right*). All cheer visitors with the timely message: "Away, dull care!"



ABOVE, BILL HELMS, NEAR RIGHT, GEORGE R. SZANIK; FAR RIGHT, HARRY HARTMAN





sugar 'n spice 'n everything nice . . . in a Christmas house made by two little girls

This Hansel and Gretel house of cookies and candies (*left*) was built by four-year-old Marlene and seven-year-old Evelyn Chumo (with a little help from their mother, Lyn, of the Combs and Combs Studio of Design, Los Angeles). Such a colorful confection can be made of gumdrops, hard candies, chocolate bits, biscuits, the sweets of your choice, all held with fun-to-make fondant on a base of cardboard.

gala for two by a holiday hearth

Tranquil parental celebration on Christmas Eve (*below*), when chores are done and children in bed: On a candlelit mantel, sweet-scented boxwood and rosy apples; on their table, 18th-century porcelains and silver from James Robinson, tulips and a flowery Porthault cloth, reminders that Christmas is a harbinger of spring. The decorations are Robert Webb's charmingly romantic concept for a time of special thoughts, shown here in the living room of the home of Artist Bill Polito. Abstract painting above the fireplace is one of Polito's works.

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on the limbs of a ceiling-high evergreen, favorite fantasy characters join in a toyland show of Christmas colors and merry spirit

Toyland tree, beautiful girl- and boy-land tree (*above*), bending with a burden of goodies every child hopes Santa Claus will bring. It's an eye-popper, this rollicking profusion of delights for the young, a veritable animal kingdom of soft, cuddly creatures riding the silver balsam tree along with Santas, fire engines, drums, doll babies, clowns, angels, trinkets and trifles to defy a toy shop inventory, all radiantly spotlighted with the gleam of shining ornaments. It's the quintessence of Christmas, seen through the eyes of a child, the stuffed animals (most of them handmade), the long-time accumulation of Walt Disney memorabilia by Lenny Meyer, cartoon animator and illustrator of children's books. It's not exactly a tree trim you can go out and buy all at once. The designer was James K. McNair, an author and horticultural designer, who punctuated the toy trim here with wooden tops, cherries and apples lacquered a merry red. We thought the button-eyed cat and a chenille-ball Bugs Bunny deserved their own close-up photograph (*right*).



OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT, GEORGE W. SZANIK; LEFT, NORMAN McGRATH; THIS PAGE, BILL HELMS

razzle-dazzle wrap-ups

Want your gift wrappings to be sumptuous, stylish, whimsical, funny, sheer delights? Let these ideas nudge the imagination. See our wraps (*left*) of woven ribbons, coral and fishnet, gilt braid and foil cutouts and pearls framing a Christmas picture, a tissue paper collage done on a small round box, a checkerboard of mirror, a bold tie of Mexican cotton ribbon, a tree of ribbons, a fan that's studded with map pins. Francis Dearden's much-of-little ideas (*lower left*): cookie tin painted like a birthday cake, French bread sandwiching a necktie gift, foil and notary seals, artwork on brown paper or newspaper, clever hobo packs of bandanas on sticks, clamshell container. Big zipper trim (*below*), door knob in mattress ticking (Do Not Open —get it?), blue jean wrap with pocket bandana, candy sticks fencing a tin tub, fabric-swatch landscape, a stack of baskets and velvet-striped bag.

a tree that's très Country Chic

Rural denim, bandanas and red yarn take to the branches of Florist Billy Walker's rustic tree (*right*), its timely trim of real popcorn—only it's tinted pastel and packed here in little pots to hang like flowering plants. Further bucolics on the New York scene: guest gifts packed in straw baskets. Room by John Terry Brown Jr.

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tiny but effective accents carry a holiday mood anywhere

It's often the small things that evoke nostalgia, much like these small Christmas trees—one for a tabletop, the other to flatter a mantel—both seen in the New York townhouse of Decorator David Barrett. Robert Webb's design for the tiny tabletop tree (*above*) incorporates shiny baubles, gold ribboning and a fabric bird to crown it, its cheery mien a spirit-carrier to the hallway, corner or any space lacking room for a larger display. His concept for the mantel (*above right*) was to prop half a tree, set in a cachepot Christmas-decked with peppermint canes and a beribboning of pink, against a mirror to create an evergreen *trompe l'oeil*. Around the tree—small in size but great in holiday feeling—the mantel is host for a display of sculptures.

by the chimney with care

Christmas around the hearth takes on a special meaning for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chumo of Pacific Palisades, Calif. (*below*). Lyn Chumo of Combs and Combs hung capacious striped-knit stockings, handmade by the children's nanny, on a mantel arranged with candles, holly and a collection of Danish caroling dolls.

early or late, it's a warm and friendly look with Christmas on the table

A breakfast table set in a blue-white-and-yellow theme is festively done (*below*). The location is a garden room, early morning in a sunny, non-snow area. It's a friendly, country look, beginning with a circular batik tablecloth that's twice appliquéd with a blue star upon a larger gold star. Pretty blue-patterned plates are "Butterfly" by Bing & Grondahl; "Tree of Life" flatware is by Reed & Barton. Copper accessories from Greek Island Ltd. The dinner setting that easily summons memories of America's heritage is located in Liberty Village in Flemington, N.J. (*right*). The village itself is a re-creation of an 18th-century Revolutionary town, equipped with workshops where young weavers, candlemakers, ironmongers and other craftsmen and women produce handmade work. This room, set up now for a Christmas repast, is the one where a candle-dripping exhibit usually is found. Glass mugs and pitcher are hand-blown. Pewter plates, napkin rings and the candlesticks are by Carson Casting. On the plates, red dishes with an Italian pattern from Country Floors. Flatware, Supreme's "Liberty Belle." Tole centerpiece decorated with Christmas symbols is from Liberty Village. The apple/pineapple form on the sideboard and also in detail (*inset top right*) is made by piercing apples on the Early American centerpiece-form shown beside it.

RIGHT AND TOP LEFT, BILL HELMS; BELOW LEFT, GEORGE R. SZANIK; BELOW RIGHT, MARIS/SEMEL







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ABOVE, HARRY HARTMAN; LEFT, NORMAN MCGRATH; OPPOSITE, FELICIANO

two departures from tradition—but both are tables of good cheer

Robert Webb's Christmas dinner for four is casual but with panache (*above*). Guests choose seating, either around the coffee table on plump floor cushions or on the adjacent sofa. Dinner is served on reproduction plates painted in stylized fish, these, in turn, placed on black lacquer trays complete with red carnation accents. Tri-color batik napkins and all accessories available at Robert Webb Inc. Varied neutrals with a spirit of their own replace the holiday brights at Artist Bill Polito's party table (*left*) designed by Robert Webb Inc. It's a dignified setting with brown-and-white batik placemats and napkins, Polito's sepia-patterned plates and carved reindeer centerpiece all illuminated by a pair of antique candelabra. Crimson lilies are just enough color.

a little girl's favorites bedeck a child's dream of a tree all her own

This little girl's view of the perfect Christmas morning (*right*) was designed by Jack Bangs of The Gazebo. Both the tree and the tall étagère abound with fancy and fantasy. Soft toys for the mini-mother are here: ribbon candies, animal ornaments in gingham and ice cream cones of fabric and Styrofoam (*insets top right*) that fill this room of young treasures, all from The Gazebo.



for the creative decorator, a joyful holiday mood can be established with traditional bloom and greenery or with stylistic mood-makers

Artist Bill Polito wraps up these unique holiday gifts the boxless, paperless way (*left*), using natural straw suitcases, hampers and baskets all tied with bright red velvet ribbon bows. Robert Webb designed the assemblage of gifts with a prancing silver horse from Christopher Chodoff around a carved wood, black marble-topped console table that stands beneath one of Polito's paintings in his dining room. Gifts are given as a postprandial treat. Designer Dick Ridge of Ridge-Hill Interiors dresses up a classic entry hall with traditional Christmas symbols (*below left*). Black-and-white checkerboard tiles and ivory walls hung with mounted prints and horns are transformed into a festive interior with holiday flora—a circular evergreen wreath amid the prints and poinsettias blooming beneath the table. A paper Santa greets arriving guests from his own special perch on a Champagne cooler.

any objects dear to the heart can turn a tall green tree into a Noel beauty

An impressive 12-foot Douglas fir stands in the California living room of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chumo (*below*). Lyn Chumo of Combs and Combs Studio of Design designed the tree without electric lights. Instead, lively ornaments are a marvelous collection of dolls gathered in the Chumos' travels around the world and clothespin dolls made by friends. Snowless though Pacific Palisades may be, the jolly snowman makes his appearance in the form of a woven basket. Interior Designer David Laurence Roth loves flowers no matter what the season. So, for his living room, Jack Bangs of The Gazebo embellished a tree with natural-look artificial blooms in hot pink, red and orange (*right*). Tiers of heavy yarn festoon the branches, replacing glittery tinsel but offering the same swag effect. Packages in brilliant hues to match the paper flowers and tied in multicolored ribbons add up to a charming holiday setting.

TOP LEFT, NORMAN MCGRATH; BELOW LEFT, HARRY HARTMAN; BELOW, GEORGE R. SZANIK; OPPOSITE, MARIS SEMEL








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the table festive–to celebrate anew the cheering magic of warm-hearted Christmas hospitality

Fireside charm and a sparkling elegance, Christmas dinner for four at its best (*top left*), with each object carefully picked to contribute to the magic of the whole. Set in a re-creation of an Early American room at Liberty Village, in New Jersey, the table blends varied elements of old and new, texture and shine. A simple arrangement of pears, walnuts and evergreens in a wooden bowl makes the centerpiece, flanked by two ornately designed brass candelabra. The pastel woven cloth is a subtle background for golden flatware, both from Carole Stupell, and Mottahedeh's delicate china. Cut crystal by Baccarat adds to the sparkle, reflecting the candles and the fire. Themed to red and white, a festive Christmas dinner for eight (*lower left*) is formal, yet understated. With decorative touches created by Jack Bangs of The Gazebo, the table, shown in the home of Designer David Laurence Roth, has some unusual ideas to add a personal note to each place: a slender red candle and wrapped packages of rock candy, reiterating the centerpiece theme of rock candy and strawberries. In lieu of the traditional candelabra are slender branches tied together with red bows. Red-and-white mats, napkins and plates carry through the simple and traditional Christmas color scheme.

the tree–large or small, it will forever capture the very heart of the holiday

Two trees, each with a theme of its own, both natural tributes to holiday spirit. Neutrals color the tree decorated here by Jack Bangs of The Gazebo for Designer David Laurence Roth's den (*above near right*). Burlap bows and balls and baby's breath make unusual ornaments, with packages for friends coordinated in beige paper and light blue ribbon. Apples set the Christmas mood in a festive red-lacquered corner of a room designed by John Terry Brown Jr. (*above far right*). The scenario, put together here by Billy Walker's Flowers, is a light-hearted arrangement of baskets brim-filled with gifts and apples, a gathering of dolls, elves and Santa's helpers—and the central focus, a table-sized tree laden with colorful parchment paper apple ornaments and patchwork bows. Altogether, it's a fantasy to delight the hearts of all ages.

outdoors–the place to express that first greeting

Christmas trimmings for the outdoors are an always welcome lead-in to what's to come—and in California's temperate climate, also a special boost to hail the season. Here (*near right*), as seen from the approach drive to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Combs' Brentwood, Calif., residence, are front doors splendidly decorated with greenery and lots of toys, all appropriate to the holiday.

greenery–used with imagination, it is always a symbol of the season

The garden sitting room of Designer Angelo Donghia's New York townhouse (*far right*) is effectively dressed for the occasion with bold ti leaves, expertly animated by Robert Webb Inc. The mirrored chimney breast is garlanded with a ceiling-high swag of greenery, while two topiary deer are three-dimensional holiday heralds. The low table is set in the Chinese manner for a quiet fireside luncheon for two.







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the small touches–they'll lend a glowing feeling of merriment to a room alive with traditional Yuletide festivity

Traditional Christmas trappings are truly at home in the traditionally furnished Park Avenue living room of Designer Dick Ridge (*above*): sprays of pine on the mantel, laced with blue-and-white vases and red balls, the hearth banked with red poinsettias, a white cyclamen and candles aglow on the coffee table, set for after-dinner drinks. The small touches make fresh accents, whether a Santa on the side table or a Mr. and Mrs. Claus box on the coffee table. This charming detailing is carried out on the sideboard (*left*), set for after-dinner coffee, where a crochet Santa and candelabrum with red candles and anemones welcome guests. Ridge's traditional ceiling-high tree (not shown) is filled with ornaments collected from his boyhood.

youthful spirit–to delight all Christmas children at this special time of year

An eight-foot Douglas fir grandly suits the country-English game room of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Combs (*right*). Designed by Evelyn Combs, the tree has no lights, in deference to the energy shortage, but shows off endless subtle sparkle from a multitude of ornaments. Against a Scottish thistle-motif rug, packages big to small entice all ages to the special wonders of the season.


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Artistry for the holidays









A WITTY SPIRIT THAT DECKS THE HALLS

Editor JACK MACURDY □ Gloriously profuse as raisins and angelica in a Christmas fruitcake—the exuberant celebration of Artist-muralist Francis Greenwood Dearden of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (the man who rusticated his cottage walls by painting them with *trompe l'oeil* beams and wildlife, seen in our March issue). Nature-lover, Yuletide buff and merry spirit if ever there was one, he muraled a window wall (*above*) with an enchanted forest of woodland creatures and Christmas legend—pheasants and garlands, three ships a-sailing, a quasi-partridge and a pear, a beguiling raccoon—to backdrop his major Christmas tree (he has two, of course). This he joyously trimmed with shiny balls, pine cones and the surprise of dried flowers and a flutter of cardinals. You'll see every beloved symbol here, playfully juxtaposed with the unexpected—fruit and toy whistles heaped in seashells, gifts wrapped in newspaper "tied" with painted bows. All is wit, fun and practicality, too, because he puts everyday belongings into the picture, cashing in on the Christmassy glint of silver and ruby glass, the timeliness of deer from his animal sculpture collection, the brassy blast of antique bugles on a hemlock wreath (*right*). His family of Staffordshire dogs reunes around his nostalgic, tinseled and candlelit "dessert table" tree (*top left and center*), and an old sled holds plates for the cherry-studded Black Forest cake. Supervising Christmas dinner (*far left*), a wooden goose ruffed in green sits in a nest of walnuts and glitter balls; tiny remembrance gifts await on each plate. A wreath of dried flowers, golden ribbons and butterflies (*left*) repeats the big-tree trim.



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Editor JACK MACURDY ☐ **To Chris Crispens, a textile stylist at Riverdale Fabrics, Christmas is synonymous with tradition. Each year, in the spirit of family custom, the living room in his Brooklyn Heights apartment is converted into an extraordinary wonderland of handmade and antique toys. And, not only is this entrancing room for his pleasure, it's also for the thousands of local school children who have come here over the years to delight in this room. Children are especially captivated by the train set (above) —bought originally for Crispens' father about 70 years ago. The village, its house and barn handmade from old cigar boxes by Crispens'**

A CHILD'S DELIGHT

grandfather, is the scene of a double wedding of miniature dolls. The Mickey Mouse doll and Three Pigs are toys from the early 30s. Crispens built the "mountain" by attaching brown wrapping paper to an armature, then filled it with niches where toys are hidden; visiting children are invited to find them. Atop the mountain is a true fantasy castle (center left), a recently acquired antique. Guests to the dolls' weddings are in the procession (left). The Old Woman's shoe was once a Victorian pin cushion, hollowed out to hold the legendary character. Crispens built one holiday house of driftwood, filled now with elves making thumbnail-sized toys. Amidst three trees (right) and a German version of St. Nick — all white and in a hooded coat — the nieces of Crispens' friend Marvin Pekkala, enjoy the three-generation-old treasures, Karen and Lynn Pekkala discovering anew the delight of a holiday house where fantasy is at child's-eye level. It is truly a Christmas for children.

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Editor ANNE OGDEN □ A grandmother friend of ours has fashioned—each year since she was a child—an ornament for her Christmas tree, creating throughout the decades a ***personal holiday tradition.*** The key, of course, is that this custom be an expression of one's own handiwork. Since every custom by necessity must have a date of origin, we offer here a way for you to inaugurate your own family tradition with tomorrow's "heirlooms" from today's rag bag! Here are tree ornaments you stitch yourself from scraps of fabric. We start you off with patterns for four patchwork ornaments, designed by Puckihuddle, updated

HOW YOU CAN SEW UP A YULE TRADITION ALL YOUR OWN!

with contemporary fabrics. ***Stockings*** *(top left)*, each 6½ inches high, are made from two different patterns, one for the base, the other for a contrasting collar, trimmed with lace. They're all finished with grosgrain tabs to hang them with. Fill them with paper (for shape) or with candies. ***The three-dimensional prisms*** *(below left)* are each made of eight pieces of fabric, four in one size and four in another, with the matching squares stitched together and seamed down the middle. They're each 8½ inches high, topped with satin bow and tab for hanging. ***A forest of trees*** *(top right)*, 6¾ inches high, each one made of six triangles. Back one triangle to another and overlap the resulting three triangles to form the tree. The trunk is two tiny pieces of brown. Vary the trees with contrasting fabrics as we do here: red and white variations of the same print or three different patterns in the same color. ***Two wreaths*** *(below right, inset)*, topped with wide satin bows, are each made of six patches sewn together, then wrapped around a 4½-inch diameter cardboard or Styrofoam base and stitched together in the back. ***Choose fabrics*** from your own "rag bag." Ours are from Boussac of France, & Vice Versa, Quadrille and Brunschwig & Fils, available through decorators; the ribbons are by Burlington Ribbon Mills. ***You can order*** full-size patterns for the four ornaments and detailed instructions for sewing by machine for $2.25 postpaid for the four from Puckihuddle, Craftskills of the Catskills, Oliverea, N.Y. 12462. Delivery guaranteed by Christmas if the firm receives your order by Dec. 15. Puckihuddle also has a catalog (50 cents) with many decoration and gift ideas. Six-inch patches in an assortment of calicoes and tiny flowers (not shown here) are $6.50 postpaid for a group of 100.

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LIVING GIFTS

By ELVIN McDONALD □ It is December. The doorbell rings. You answer. A delivery from the florist. You are presented with an armful of ribbon-tied wrappings. A perishable gift to be opened at once. Quick. Cut the ribbons. Look inside. There, snuggled in colorful tissue paper, is a plant. A living plant. Velvety petals. Furry leaves. And fragrance. Flower sweetness. The good smell of moist earth. One plant. A miracle. And, whether you give or receive a plant, that moment is the Christmas experience. A celebration of life. The newest plant you will find this holiday season is also the smallest poinsettia in history, the Pixie, originated by the Hegg family in Norway. Here, at the Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch in California, the Pixies have been further miniaturized. The petal bracts may be pink (1), red (2), shown here nearly life-size, or white (6). Their height makes them perfect table decorations (3) or to mass around a Christmas tree (4) in cachepots or baskets. Because they are grown in small, lightweight plastic pots, the Pixies may be nestled and wired into the tree branches (5 and 6) as long-lasting decorations. Each will require two ounces of water daily. For complete instructions, see "How to Assemble a Living Christmas Tree" on the Contents Page. The other poinsettia news is that today's hybrids, in-

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cluding the Pixies, stay in bloom for months instead of days or weeks as they once did. Placed in a room where natural light and temperatures would be comfortable for you to sit and read or do needlepoint in the daytime, any one of this sturdy new race of poinsettias will bloom all winter, unless you let the soil dry out severely. The healthy foliage alone makes welcome greenery. For glowing reds, ask your florist for Eckespoint C-1 Red, Paul Mikkelsen, Rudolph or Red Baron. Best whites are named Eckespoint C-1 White, Eckespoint D-1 White and Paul Mikkelsen White. Pinks range from salmon to shocking:

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Eckespoint C-1, Mikkelpink and Eckespoint C-94 Pink. Varieties Marble C-1 and Mikkeldawn have pink-and-white flowers. Mikkel-Gay and M-G Rochford are red-and-white variegated. Dark Red Hegg and Annette Hegg Maxi branch naturally; every stem crowned in bright red bloom. You may also find two new poinsettias developed by Dr. Robert N. Stewart at the United States Department of Agriculture: Ruff & Ready (short, stocky and air pollution tolerant; stray light does not alter flowering time) and Truly Pink (persistent, vivid pink bracts). The true poinsettia flowers are small yellow knobs, surrounded by the colorful petal-like bracts. For other flowering holiday plants, please turn the page.

NEW THIS CHRISTMAS, A MINIATURE POINSETTIA















The bloom of Christmas celebration plants includes a world of others besides poinsettias. Jerusalem cherry (7) is a leafy small bush, about 12 inches tall, covered with glossy orange-red (inedible) fruit slightly smaller than a cherry tomato, to which it is related. Christmas cactus, whether the old-fashioned pink or one of today's larger, more colorful hybrids (8), makes a good investment because it will grow in a variety of conditions and can be kept for years. Natural bloom time varies, according to the variety, from Thanksgiving to Easter. A well-budded azalea with a few open flowers (9) will bloom for weeks, if not months, when kept moist in a bright spot on the cool side. In mild climates, the plant can be transplanted eventually to the garden. Where winters are too cold, it can be kept in pots all year. Deliciously scented hyacinths (10) will waft perfume all through the house—but briefly. Here the pot has been slipped inside a pink pottery basket that will be a lasting keepsake after the hyacinth bulbs are planted outdoors in the garden; the same bulbs can-

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not be brought to bloom again indoors. Hybrid amaryllis (11) are the superstar knockouts among gift plants. Available locally and by mail, already potted in a nutritious soil, all you do is add water,



warmth, light—and a little love—to bring on the spectacular flowers in four to six weeks. Anyone with the slightest inclination can nurture the amaryllis bulb into healthy new leaf growth and another burst of bloom next Christmas. The once-popular Christmas begonias have been replaced by new Rieger Hybrids (12), which have the breath-taking beauty of the summer-blooming tuberous varieties combined with the easy cultural requirements of common wax or semperflorens begonias. Tulips (13), like hyacinths, are ephemeral warm-room visitors, but their reminder of springtime makes them a welcome gift. Besides, as soon as the ground can be worked outdoors, the bulbs can be planted for a return engagement there a year later. A healthy, bud-filled cyclamen (14) will, like an azalea, bloom all winter if kept moist in a bright place where temperatures are not too hot. It needs a little fresh air and an atmosphere completely free of gas fumes. Ornamental or flowering cabbage and kale (15 and 16) may be found cut (stand base in water) or potted (they last indef-

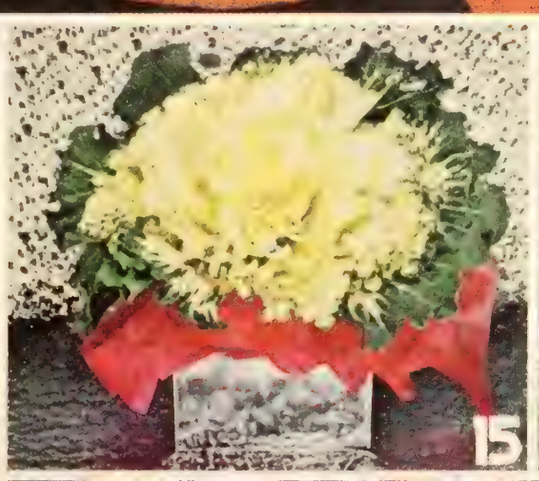
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initely). Colors may be pink, rose, red, lavender, purple, green or nearly white. For precise keeping and growing instructions for these and other holiday plants, see "Growing Guide" on Contents Page.


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CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPER

Crabmeat and Sweet Corn Chowder*

Baked Bread*

Korbel Brut
California Champagne
or Christian Brothers
Chenin Blanc

Cheese Apples

Rae Berman's
Poppy Seed Wafers*

Coffee

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dartois de Sardines*

Moët et Chandon
Brut Imperial Champagne

Venison Grand-Veneur*

Puréed Chestnuts*

Vosne-Romanée 1969
or Beaulieu Vineyard
Pinot Noir

Christmas Soufflé*
with Clementines in
Cointreau

Coffee Cognac

NEW YEAR'S EVE BUFFET

Smoked Salmon*

Cinzano Brut

Scalloped Turkey for 12*

Moore-Betty's
Zucchini Salad*

Château Beychevelle 1967
or Robert Mondavi's
Cabernet Sauvignon 1970

Babas au Rhum*

Coffee Cognac

NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Beef Rib Roast*

Yellow Turnips Mousseline*

Cauliflower
with Mustard Sauce*

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1970,
Domaine de Mont-Redon

Sour Cream Torte*

Coffee Cognac

CRAB MEAT AND CORN CHOWDER

A delicious soup that can be made in less than half an hour, a marvelous asset on a night as busy as Christmas Eve.

4 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 yellow onion, peeled and minced
1 quart Sauce Béchamel*
1 quart chicken broth (3 10½-ounce cans)
2 cans (10-ounce size) cream-style corn
1 pound crabmeat, fresh or canned (drained)
3 egg yolks, lightly beaten
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
1 teaspoon thyme
Freshly grated nutmeg
3 cups half-and-half, heated
Fresh chives

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a very large saucepan. Add the onion and ½ cup water. Bring to a boil and cook until the water has all boiled away and the onion is soft. Stir in the Sauce Béchamel, the broth and the corn. Bring to a boil. Add a little of the hot soup to the eggs. Combine the two, beating hard. Season with salt, pepper, thyme and nutmeg. Then stir in the half-and-half. Taste here for seasoning. Keep hot but do not boil or the soup will curdle.

Just before serving, stir in the crabmeat and bring *almost* to a boil. Ladle into a big heated soup tureen and garnish with the fresh chives. Serves 12.

**Sauce Béchamel*: Heat 4 tablespoons butter or margarine in a heavy saucepan. Stir in 4 tablespoons all-purpose flour until smooth. Cook, stirring constantly, until the *roux* froths—four to five minutes. Do not brown. Add 4 cups of milk, beating constantly with a wire whip. Continue cooking until the sauce thickens lightly. Season to taste with salt, several twists of the white pepper mill and a sprinkling of freshly grated nutmeg.

We present four delicious menus for the four merry celebrations ahead, all planned to keep spirits high and last-minute cooking to a minimum.

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RAE BERMAN'S POPPY SEED WAFERS

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
1 egg
¾ cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
¼ cup granulated sugar
3 cups all-purpose flour (about)
Poppy seeds
3 squares (one-ounce size) semi-sweet chocolate, melted

Cream butter and both sugars until soft and fluffy. Then beat in the egg. Work in the flour gradually. The finished dough should resemble soft putty. If necessary, add a bit more flour. (*Note*: This can be done in the electric mixer with the whip.)

Divide the dough in half. Place one half (refrigerate the other) on a large *ungreased* cookie sheet. Flatten it somewhat with a rolling pin. Then place a piece of kitchen parchment the size of the cookie sheet on top of the dough. Roll the dough as you would pastry until it is about ⅛ inch thick. Lift off the parchment and scatter poppy seeds all over the dough. Replace the parchment and roll lightly with the rolling pin to imbed the seeds in the dough.

Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 10 minutes. Take from the oven and, while still warm, brush with the melted chocolate. Immediately, cut into squares. Lift to cake racks to cool. Makes about seven dozen, depending, obviously, on the size you choose to cut the squares.

Finish the second half of the dough in exactly the same way, but make sure your cookie sheet is cool before you start.

DARTOIS DE SARDINES

(Sardines in Pastry)

A delicious first course, these pastries also make an interesting luncheon dish.

1 package (11 or 12 ounces) pie crust mix
2 cans (3¾-ounce size) lightly smoked sardines in oil
1 tablespoon butter, softened
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Tabasco
1 egg yolk
Lemon-Curry Sauce:
2 tablespoons butter
½ cup heavy cream
Juice of 1 lemon
Dash dill seed
½ teaspoon curry powder

Prepare the crust as directed. Divide in half. Roll out on a lightly floured pastry cloth (the rolling pin encased in a sleeve). Roll each into two eight-inch squares. Cut each square in half. Place two of them on a baking sheet.

To make the filling: Drain the sardines, reserving 2 tablespoons of the oil. Mash the fish with a fork, then mix in the oil, butter, salt, pepper to taste and a few drops of Tabasco.

To finish the dartois: Spread half the filling on two of the rectangles, leaving a good quarter inch all around the edges. Dampen the edges with cold water. Cover with the remaining rectangles. Press edges together with your thumb all around. Beat the egg yolk with 1 teaspoon of water. Brush both *dartois* all over with the yolk. *The dartois can be made in advance and refrigerated.*

To bake: Place in a preheated 450 oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until puffed and golden. Serve piping hot, cut into strips. Serves 12.

To make the sauce: Melt the butter. Stir in the cream, lemon juice, dill seed and curry powder. Heat but do not boil.

ROAST VENISON GRAND-VENEUR

Grand-Veneur simply means "master of the hunt." This sauce is traditional with venison in France.

8 to 10 pounds leg of venison, bone in
2 onions, peeled and sliced
1 celery knob (celeriac), peeled and coarsely chopped, or several ribs of celery, coarsely chopped
2 large carrots, washed and coarsely chopped
1 parsnip, washed and coarsely chopped (optional)
1 teaspoon thyme
6 bay leaves
1 tablespoon salt
1 heaping tablespoon peppercorns
1 heaping tablespoon allspice
4 to 5 cloves
Few juniper berries (if available)
2 cups dry red wine
Rind of 1 lemon
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
½ cup currant jelly
2 cups red wine vinegar
2 cups heavy cream
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Have the butcher bone the venison, remove all the sinews, roll and tie. Be sure to ask for the bones and the skin to use in the marinade. (Once boned, the meat should weigh about seven pounds. In any event, ask the meat market to give you the net weight.) Three days before Christmas, place the bones and the meat in a large plastic bag. Add all remaining ingredients *except the butter, currant jelly, wine vinegar and* (Continued on page 80)

Cooking with Helen McCully







Editor NANCY CRAIG □ **To help you brighten any friend's Christmas, hand-washable and collapsible Toga Lamps (*above*) designed by Ruven Gershoni bring new ease and mobility; 25-inch, $40; 34-inch, $50; 40-inch, $60. Shades come in white, yellow, orange and brown. From Hi-Lite Manufacturing Inc. Lucite étagère is by Lucidity.**



There are no strings attached to this portable cassette tape recorder (*top*). Its remote control microphone is wireless, letting you move around freely while taping, and an AM/FM radio is also built in; $170, by Hitachi Sales Corp. A fondue pot, chafing dish, skillet and lid (*above*) can stack neatly into a single unit after use. This all-purpose cooker, $43, from "The Creative Entertainer Collection" by General Electric, includes a thermostatic control. The "Party-of-Two" icebucket (*left center*) salutes a private celebration. Of hand-blown lead crystal, it is a mere six inches high. Imported by Kosta of Sweden, $35, from the Horchow Collection. The Lamplighter (*far left*), a candle lighter now and come summer, is a cordless and rechargeable tool, 11 inches long, that will reach in deep and narrow holders to light up to 100 candles per charge. It also serves as a pilot lighter for gas ranges. At the press of a button, the tip heats almost immediately. With a built-in work light for dark nights, $20, by Wahl Clipper Corp. The latest in telephone designing, the Chromefone (*near left*) is a sphere of white and shiny chrome on a clear plastic pedestal. It comes with a jack plug so it can be easily connected to any authorized outlet; $175 at Alfred Dunhill of London. Next to it, a gift for the road traveler is the Luxxo Illuminating Magnifier with light beam for reading in the dark. It is $6, by Coordinated Enterprises.





GIFTS YOU COULDN'T GIVE

A small heater (*right*) that weighs in at only 4½ pounds and measures 11 by 5 by 8 inches, the "Heatwave Instant Heater" fits into the tiniest spaces in apartments, hotel rooms or camper. With a high-velocity blower it gives up to 5120 BTUs of heat, yet the unit remains cool to the touch with a safety shut-off switch to prevent overheating; $33, by Intermatic Inc. Christmas bells (*below*) hang as an ornament on the tree or as windchimes outside. A reproduction from the Crosby Brown Collection of Musical Instruments at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; in brass, $8.75, or sterling silver, $18.50. Also from the Metropolitan, the T'ang ladle with lotus leaf bowl, slender stem and bird head at the tip, reproduced from a museum original; 13 inches; silver-plated, $28.

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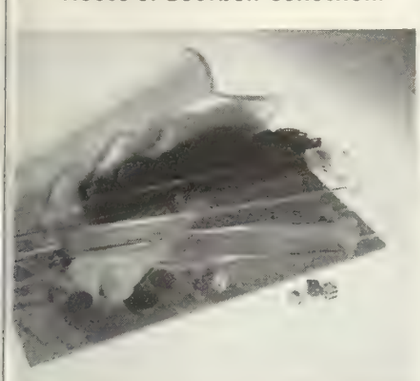


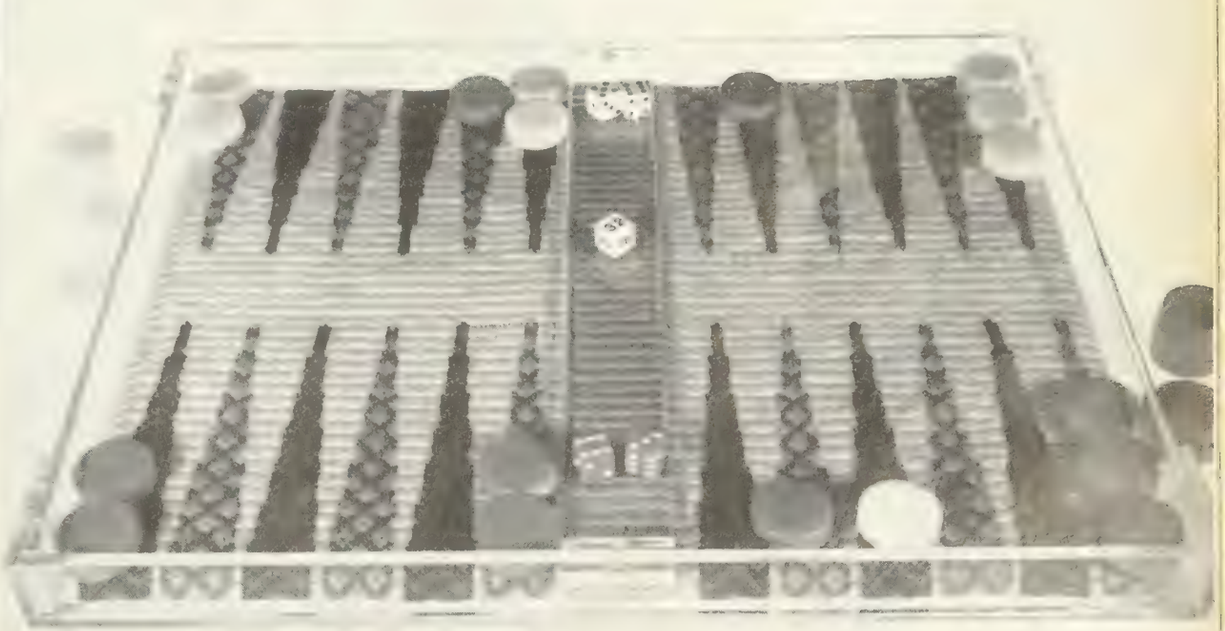






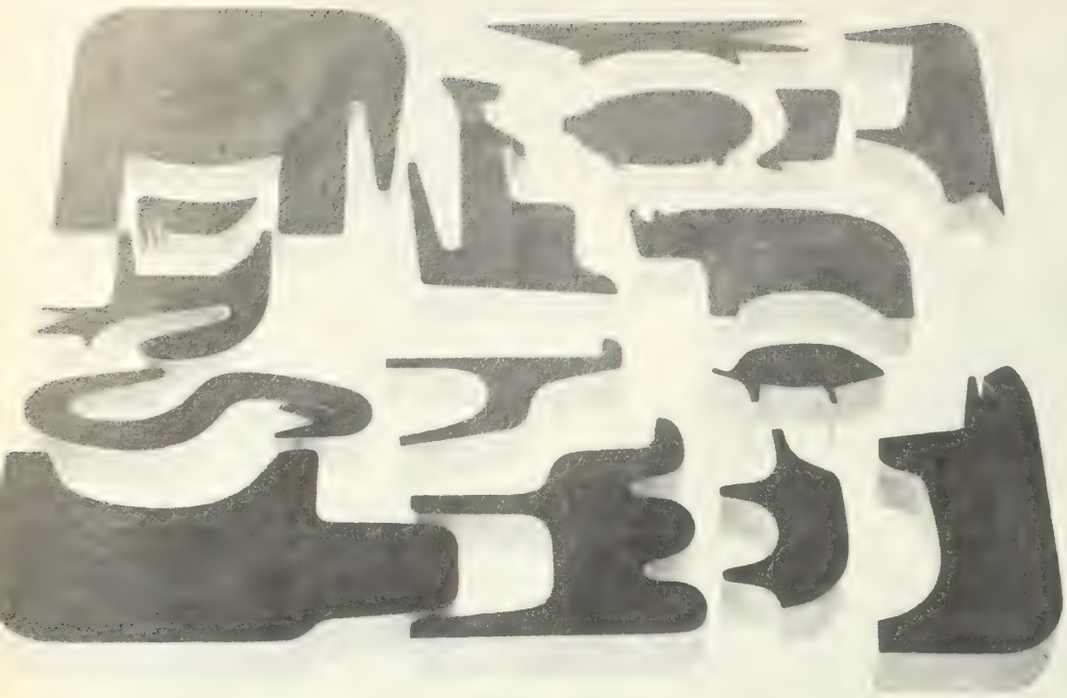
A re-creation of the Crane Mantel Clock of the 1800s (*near right*), this new clock from Barwick's Bicentennial Collection has triple cathedral chimes, an eight-day key-wind movement and a chime silencer; $275, by Howard Miller Clock Co. An insulated plastic wine cooler/server (*far right*) comes in orange/white or brown/white; $40, Stotter's House of Bourbon Collection.





The backgammon buff can play in high style on a needlepoint board made from this kit. The finished board (*right*) is a medieval-looking design that comes in blue/green or red/orange. Unassembled kit (*above*) includes the fiberboard base, plus Plexiglas frame, yarn, canvas, graphed design, dice and all pieces. The kit is $85, at Erica Wilson's Needle Works.

BEFORE



An adult toy, "Animali" from Italy (*left*) is a woodlike jigsaw puzzle made of 16 animals. While contemporary in design, each animal is filled with personality and can stand alone or with friends as a stylish tabletopping. For partying, "Animali" makes a good puzzler, too; $25 from the Horchow Collection. This portable clothes dryer (*below left*) is ideal for home or travel. It comes in a carrying case the size of an attaché case that weighs under eight pounds and opens to release a four-foot high plastic garment bag that can be hooked over a door to dry up to six lightweight dresses at a time. There are three heat settings for various kinds of fabrics and an automatic timer with shut-off control. The "Drymatic Portable Clothes Dryer," $100, by Braun. American pewter is a treasured favorite and a distinctive part of our past. Here, a 19th-century pitcher (*below*) from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has been faithfully reproduced. This pewter pitcher holds about a quart of liquid and is 6¼ inches high; $60 at the museum's shop.

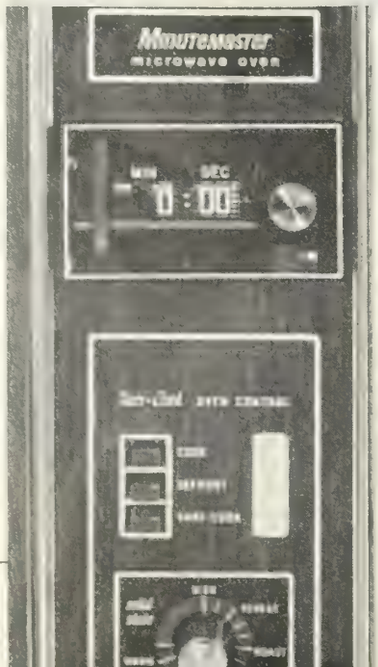
FOR RETAIL ADDRESSES, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION







These chunky wooden stands (*left*) are the finest show-offs for favorite plants. Each is 18 inches high and can be stacked with others (three shown); $10 per unit unassembled, from Taylor & Ng. The newest microwave oven, "Minutemaster" (*right and far right*) is the first to have a power level adjustable from 65 to 650 watts, so foods from a quiche to a baked fish may be cooked at the temperature and the speed best suited for them. It also has a 60-minute Micro-Timer digital control and a push-bar door release. $469, by Litton.





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10 WAYS TO MAKE IT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Editor ELVIN McDONALD □ **Each of us who celebrates Christmas views it in a special—and individual—manner. It seems, however, that year by year the realization of fashioning dreams into actuality is more difficult. We decry the commercialism, and dwell upon the sweet memories of Christmases past. Yet we soon discover that we've climbed once again upon the same crazy carrousel. Around and around. Go. Get. Charge. Hurry. Faster. Rush. But wait! There is an alternative—a way to avoid the frantic and reimpose the friendly and the festive. How? By reviving the old-fashioned concept that Christmas is spending time with family and friends, with an extra measure for our children. With this in mind, we present here and on the following four pages a collection of family Christmas activities. Long may those sugarplums dance as you and yours celebrate this, the season of love.**

1 gathering in the greens

First comes the tree. Your strongest move ecologically, as well as the most fun, is to go to a nursery and select a living evergreen that can later be planted in the ground outdoors or used as a container tree on a terrace or patio. The less time a living evergreen spends indoors in heated quarters, the better, but keeping the entire rootball moistened at all times is vital. If you intend to plant it in the ground after the holidays, it's best to prepare the planting hole before winter freeze-up (where freezing temperatures occur). Pile the soil to the side and fill the hole with straw or dry peat moss, then anchor a tarpaulin or sheet of heavy plastic over all until you are ready to plant. If the temperature falls below freezing, be sure the rootball is saturated with water before you take the tree outdoors. Next in desirability to a living tree is to visit a tree farm where you and your family can personally pick out and cut your own tree. Virtually all cut Christmas trees on farms are cultivated as a renewable crop, the same as corn or potatoes.

If you do not have access to a good tree farm, here's how to test a tree for freshness at your local Christmas tree stand: The base of the stump should be wet and sticky with sap. Bend the needles gently; they should not break. Tap the stump end sharply on the ground a few times; the needles should not drop off. To keep the tree fresh at home, make a new, diagonal cut in the stump end and be sure water in the tree stand stays above this cut. Adding a preservative such as Prolong to the water will increase the keeping time of a cut Christmas tree.

2 making your own trimmings

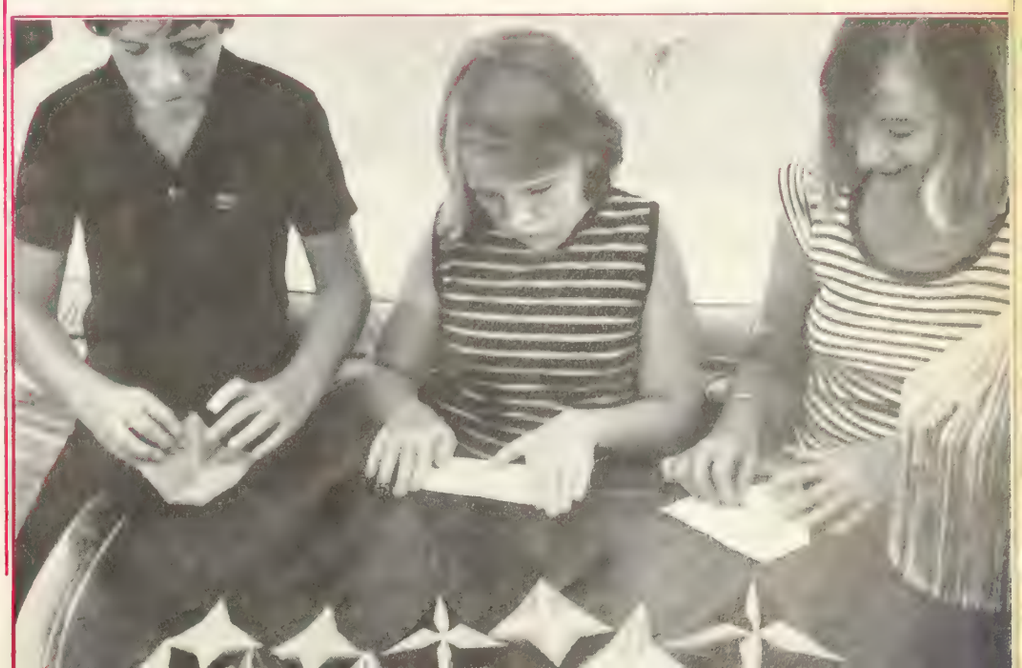
Christmas tree garlands of all hues come and go, but the traditional strings of popcorn and cranberries remain the prettiest—and most evocative of Christmases long ago. Provide each person with a needle and thread and enjoy a group stringing session. You will need at least two or three boxes of cranberries and a large bowl of popcorn. Prepare the popcorn a day or two ahead of time to insure softness. Make three types of garland—one solely of cranberries, one of popcorn, one alternating every two pieces of popcorn with two cranberries. Keep garlands under four feet for easy handling and tie them one to another as you drape them around and down the tree. Paper garlands are something even the littlest Christmas helpers can have fun making. The supplies you'll need for this activity: colorful medium-weight paper, snub-nosed scissors and school paste or Scotch tape. Older children enjoy folding and cutting strips of paper into strings of snowmen, snowflakes, icicles and stars.

The Japanese art of origami (paper-folding) is an enjoyable family pastime and a readily available means of substituting the hand-crafted for the store-bought. Whimsical shapes (stars, birds, animals, cubes) take form almost miraculously after much intricate folding and are ideal tree decorations, especially when made out of reflective paper. A good book of origami how-to will provide easy instructions and hours of fun.

Edible goodies can appeal to the eye as well as the palate and for that reason have been used for centuries as Christmas ornaments. Trees in Colonial times were adorned with real pears, nuts, apples, candies and gingerbread figures. Why not bring some of this tradition into your home? Simply pierce the fruits through their cores with medium-weight florist's wire, bend the wire and

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Steven and Jeannene McDonald, with friend Rynn Booher, are engrossed in the Oriental art of paper folding. Mail-order catalog near Rynn has been folded into a doorstop.





Steven McDonald uses acrylic paints to turn his baker's clay tree ornament into a gander of fine plumage. Baker's clay, made of kitchen staples (see text), is one of the easiest, most rewarding of all art mediums with which to work. Given a little supervision, even the kindergarten set can turn out keepsake ornaments.

push it back into the fruit at its bottom end, then, for hanging, form a loop with the wire protruding from the top end. Large gum drops, marzipan and foil-wrapped chocolate kisses can all be skewered with wire and then hung on the tree. For cookies and gingerbread, it is best to make a hole carefully with a needle and then hang with thread, string or a piece of narrow ribbon.

Flowers make refreshingly different tree ornaments. The vivid reds of carnations and roses will turn a plain green tree into a beautiful Christmas decoration with little effort. To keep the flowers fresh from Christmas Eve to New Year's, you'll need an inexpensive florist's water pick for each (available from most florists). Fill the pick tubes with water to which a cut-flower preservative (Prolong, for example) has been added. Insert a flower in each pick, then wind some florists' wire around the tube and secure on a branch. Refill water levels frequently to insure freshness.

Making a gingerbread house and men is a good all-afternoon or evening project. The length of time depends, of course, on the intricacy of the architecture and decorations. Here is a proven recipe from "Think Christmas" (published by the Junior League of the City of Washington Inc.) . . . Gingerbread Dough: 1½ cups heavy cream, 2½ cups brown sugar, 1¼ cups molasses, 1 tablespoon ginger, 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind, 2 tablespoons baking soda and 9 cups flour. To make dough: 1. Whip cream, add sugar, molasses, ginger, lemon rind and baking soda. Stir 10 minutes. 2. Add the flour and work until smooth. Cover and leave in a cool place overnight. 3. Turn onto floured board and roll out ⅛ inch thick. Place cardboard patterns for house on gingerbread dough and cut out with a sharp knife. Use cookie cutters for gingerbread men. 4. If cutouts are to hang on the Christmas tree, put a thread through the top of the cookie before baking. Use a needle to string the thread through the cookie. 5. Brush cookies and house sections with water and bake on a greased cookie sheet at 250° for 15 minutes. Leave on sheet to cool. Icing for the decorations: ½ cup sugar, ½ cup egg whites, assorted food coloring, plus some extra sugar (to use as "glue," made by melting sugar in a saucepan). Beat egg whites until very stiff and gradually add the ½ cup sugar. Blend in small amounts of food coloring. Decorate cookies and house after they are completely cool. After pieces of the gingerbread house are decorated, assemble, using melted sugar as your "glue." Add gumdrops and candy decorations to house if you like. This recipe is enough for one small house (about 4½ by 7 inches by 6½ inches high at the roof peak) and three to five dozen cookies, depending on the size of the cookies, of course.

Crocheted snowflakes are a quick and easy project for anyone who is handy with a crochet hook. Use white thread and improvise a lacy, open design, beginning as if you were going to make a doily. On completion, starch and press stiff, then hang on the branches of the tree.



Using velvet ribbon, snips of fabric, sequins, beads and pins—and great patience—Jeannene McDonald turns a plain Styrofoam ball into an elegant ornament.

Some of the most beautiful tree and wreath decorations are free if you have access to a garden or roadside and field plantings. Gather pine cones, interesting dried seed pods and herbs. Dried flowers make exquisite tree trimmings. Among the herbs, Silver King artemisia is superb for drying and attaching to a wire or Styrofoam wreath form; add a big, Christmassey ribbon and you will have an elegant and unusual, scented and lightweight door or mantel wreath. Sheaves of wheat or barley or wild grasses also make beautiful wreaths. Or, cut the stems fairly short and stick them thickly into a Styrofoam tree form. Add clusters of tiny dried flowers, velvet ribbons or small, shiny Christmas balls to lend variety.

Handmade tree ornaments fashioned of Styrofoam balls (or other shapes), dressed up with ribbon, scraps of fabric, beads and sequins can be true works of art. Attach the decorations with straight pins—and make no mistake in calculating the time it will take to create an exquisite ornament. Four hours is not unusual, and you may spend even more time. However, such a hand-crafted ornament may eventually become a family keepsake if it is carefully stored from year to year. Few young children have the patience for this activity, but those youngsters can work on other projects —baker's clay ornaments for example—while the adults do these.

As a medium for making Christmas ornaments, baker's clay is without an equal in its appeal to children. The recipe we have used with great success is from "Kitchen Crafts" by Linda and John Cross (Collier Books, New York City; $3.95 in softcover). To make the clay, place 4 cups unsifted regular flour and 1 cup salt in a bowl. Gradually add 1½ cups water, mixing with fingers until smooth. If results should seem too stiff, add more water. Knead with fingers for about five minutes. (Keep clay in a plastic bag if you don't want to use all of it right away.) Roll dough out with rolling pin and cut desired shapes with wet knife or form with fingers. To join several pieces, lightly rub with water and press together. Add incised patterns and textures with kitchen utensils. Bake on a cookie sheet in a preheated 350° oven until hard. Large pieces may take as long as an hour to bake. Let cool on rack and then paint with Tempera or acrylic paints. When dry, use varnish or polyurethane varnish for final coating. Some ideas: a wreath, Christmas tree, candy cane, stocking, snowflake, snowman, babe in cradle, a tiny gift-wrapped box, bird, mouse, dog, cat. (P.S. These are hard as a rock and definitely *not* for eating.)

Ordinary tin cans, especially the gold-lined type, can be transformed into glorious tree ornaments. The basic tools required are coarsely serrated snips, hammer and board and long-nosed pliers. Because of the sharp edges and strength needed to cut and shape the pieces, this is no project for small children, but teenagers and adults will find it fun and rewarding. If you feel intimidated by the idea of designing your own, we suggest you look at the book "Tincraft" by Lucy Sargent (Simon and Schuster, New York; $9.95).

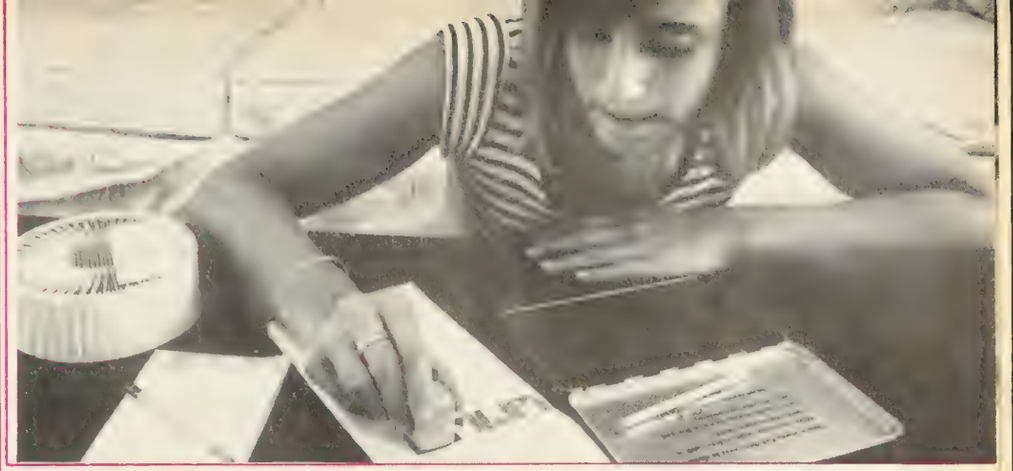
By using water-soaked florists' foam, you can make stylish, long-lasting topiary trees from live clippings of boxwood, holly, euonymus, other small-leaved broadleaf evergreens, any needle evergreens. One brick of foam can be used to form a nine-

inch tree; you might use several as table decorations. Soak the foam in water, then cut it into a cone shape. Add plant cuttings thickly and evenly all around; if necessary, shear or clip to achieve the final desired shape. For larger topiaries, shape and stack several bricks of wet foam, tied to a tray as a base. Decorate with ribbons, tiny gift-wrapped boxes, little birds, Christmas balls or baker's clay ornaments, dried flowers, fresh flowers, or even a collection of shiny sewing thimble "bells" wired or stuck onto the individual branches.

Little children are especially delighted by crêche scenes, and here is an idea for a crêche they can help make: to form each figure, glue two or three spools of thread together, one on top of the other, then add snips of felt and beads or sequins to create facial features. A small matchbox lined with burlap and filled with bits of straw with pipecleaner legs makes a fine cradle for the Babe. Spools of white thread with pipecleaner legs and tufts of cotton glued in place make lively looking lambs to complete the scene.

Wreaths of all kinds are great fun to make and also are perfect gifts for your host or hostess at holiday parties. Buy sturdy wire wreath forms (or Styrofoam ones) or construct your own by bending wire coat-hangers. Use florists' wire to secure evergreen branches in place. Dried materials such as strawflowers, wheat, grasses and pine cones can be stuck directly into Styrofoam; with some materials, you will find that it's best first to wire them together in small bunches, using florists' picks, and then to insert them in the form. A gumdrop wreath is a perfect project for a child and something that even the youngest helper can work on—with a little assistance. Depending on how many gumdrops the wreathmaker eats while working, it will take about two pounds to fully cover a 12-inch Styrofoam form. Break wooden toothpicks in half, then insert blunt end into gumdrop and pointed end into the form. Leave a little open space for a big, bright bow. To make a wreath to hang outdoors for the birds, first cover a wire frame with evergreen clippings. Half fill several paper nut cups with birdseed and then add liquid bacon grease to cover, place in a tray and chill before wiring wire onto the wreath. Add small sunflower seed heads, kafir-corn or clusters of rose hips, acorns or pine cones and a big bow of weather-proof ribbon.

Decorate your front door as a giant Christmas greeting to everyone who calls during the holidays. A beautiful wreath is classic, easy, effective. For an exterior door, use only materials that can withstand exposure to the elements. For interior doors, as in an apartment, you can use almost anything—for example, felt, colorful paper, ribbon, fabric or gold or silver braiding. Or treat the door as a package, first covering it with paper or fabric and then taping ribbon in place. Finish with a big bow and a cluster of jingly sleigh bells.



A razor-sharp knife, an art gum eraser, a stamp pad and Rynn Booher is in the block printing business, happily turning out personalized gifts of notepaper and matchbooks.

3 getting the whole family in on the fun

Designing and printing your own family greeting cards or holiday party invitations makes a most pleasant activity and another way to personalize seasonal communications. In terms of time and money, you may find that creating your own is easier and less expensive than finding a commercial product you consider suitable. Blank greeting cards and envelopes are available, or you can simply assemble attractive envelopes and pretty papers from an art supply store or stationer. Block printing, using a potato or an art gum eraser, an X-acto knife and stamp pads in assorted colors is one way to create cards and invitations. Some suggested designs: initial letters, Christmas trees, stars or simple geometrics repeated. The greeting or the invitation itself can be handwritten. Tissue paper collage is another way to create your own holiday stationery. Paper of various colors can be cut or torn, then pasted into position as an abstract, impressionistic or even geometrical design with white household glue. (Wipe up excess with damp paper toweling.) Cutouts from Christmas cards saved from past years are another possibility. This activity is especially appealing to small children.

4 taking the fun to others

You might even assemble the materials and spend an afternoon helping youngsters in the children's ward of your local hospital make their own greetings. Refurbishing old toys for day-care centers and hospitals is another good-for-the-soul activity guaranteed to bring cheer to all of the workers involved.

Another way to take some Christmas joy to others is to produce an hour's worth of entertainment. A budding playwright in your family or among your circle of friends can provide the script, or you can find something suitable to follow or adapt at your local religious bookstore (which will have both religious and secular playlets and skits focused on the Christmas season). The production will be more work—but also more fun—for all concerned, if you go the full route and appear in makeup and costumes. (Non-actors can also contribute their talents here.) If no piano is available, carry along your own accompaniment; recorders, band instruments, portable organs, guitars and accordions all make fine background and sing-along music. Putting together a show takes rehearsal time, but it's pleasant, worthwhile effort—for all of the participants as well as for the audience.

5 sharing the holidays with those far away

Short of hopping aboard the next jet, the nicest gift you can give to friends or family far away is to send your own cassette tape recording. The message can be spoken, or it might include music, too, if there is sufficient musical talent around your house. Make snapshots, slides or home movies of the recording session and send along with the tape. If the recipient does not have a tape player/recorder, consider sending such a unit to complete the gift.

An especially nice present for grandparents far away is for children to make a scrapbook representing the year's activities. This can include snapshots, graded school papers,

program notices from school events and written notes about what they have been doing in their classes.
Good things to eat "from home" are welcome gifts for anyone who's far away. Bake cakes and cookies, make candies, send fresh-picked nuts.
A very personal, irreplaceable Christmas gift is to write down or record memories of Christmases past for younger family members.

6 cooking together – for you and others

Making candy is a favorite traditional holiday kitchen activity. Not only is it fun to make—and eat—but it's a welcome last-minute gift item for almost anyone on (or forgotten from) your list. Cookbooks abound with good recipes for fudge, caramels, penuche, taffy, divinity, mints and date nut bars. Besides the ingredients, a good candy thermometer is immeasurably helpful in turning out perfect sweets every time. For gifting, wrap each piece of candy in a square of foil or waxed paper, then place in attractively decorated boxes or tins.
Homemade cookies, like candies, are fun to prepare and will be great gifts for just about anyone. Wrap and tie several boxes of cookies and keep them next to the front door for spontaneous gifting of anyone who calls during the season. If you're an apartment-dweller, adding the personal touch of a box of homemade cookies or candies along with the expected cash gratuity for the employees somehow makes the whole thing more tasteful (no pun intended). The traditional fruit and pound cakes, plum puddings and mince meat pies also make welcome gifts.

7 putting punch into the party (for all ages)

When children are involved in Christmas festivities, a non-alcoholic punch is in order, naturally. Our favorites include these three . . .
APPLE EGGNOG: Combine in blender or beat until frothy one quart apple juice and 2 cups prepared, non-alcoholic eggnog, well chilled. If you like, garnish with a light sprinkling of grated orange rind and nutmeg. This makes 12 four-ounce servings, refreshing to all.
After a caroling party, we suggest HOT BUTTERED CHRISTMAS PUNCH (from "Think Christmas," published by the Junior League of the City of Washington Inc.: In a cheesecloth bag, tie 8 whole cloves, 3 pieces of crystallized ginger, 2 whole cinnamon sticks and 8 whole allspice; boil uncovered for 10 minutes in 1½ cups water. Remove from the heat and remove bag of spices. Add 1½ cups granulated sugar to the hot water and stir until dissolved. Add 1 quart orange juice, ½ cup fresh lemon juice and 3 cups apple cider to the water and reheat.



Keep empty ribbon spools and turn them into toy drums to hang on the tree. Jeannene used red suede ribbon, gold braiding and pins, with shiny foil for the heads.

Just before serving, cut 2 tablespoons butter in small pieces and melt on top. Serves 10.
This nutritious FRUIT PUNCH is sure to be a "something cold" to please singers who have been exercising the vocal chords indoors—a church choir, for example. To make it: Combine two quarts unsweetened pineapple juice, one quart cranberry juice, juice of 2 limes, 6 lemons and 6 oranges and 1½ cups sugar. Chill several hours or overnight. At serving time, add to three quarts dry ginger ale, two quarts plain soda water and a pint of fresh strawberries, halved. Place a large cake of ice in a bowl and pour in the punch. Float slices of lemon, orange and lime cut very thinly. Makes approximately 35 servings.

8 planning a special party

Tree trimming makes a great theme for a holiday party. If you have all the decorations already, sort them into different groups and place in open, colorful tissue paper-lined boxes or baskets around the tree. According to the book, strings of lights go on first, then other garlands and ornaments. Provide needles and bowls of cranberries and popcorn for stringing. Ribbons of satin, grosgrain and velvet are fun to tie in pretty bows all over a tree, and the nice thing is that you can save them from year to year, simply by pressing out the wrinkles with a steam iron just before tree-trimming time. If you're invited to a tree-trimming party, it's always nice to bring along a hand-crafted ornament as a gift.
Gift-wrapping parties can also be a lot of fun, and everybody gets work done, too. Obviously, this is something best limited to the family or a few close friends who want to carry in shopping bags of small-sized gifts. Guests will probably bring a supply of wrappings, but whatever the plan, you're almost certain to need more scissors than you have and more Scotch tape than you thought. Give prizes for the wraps judged to be the most beautiful and most original.
A cooking and candy-making party is an idea that persons of all ages will like, even the littlest folk (with some help). This kind of activity is the most fun if your object is to prepare Christmas goodies for persons who might not otherwise have the holiday pleasure of making their own pastries and sweets. At the same time, cover boxes and canisters with bright paper and fabric or decorate with acrylic paints, then fill with goodies and distribute.
This same line of thinking suggests giving a party for children, out-of-town college students or adults who have no family or home. The festivities can be in your own house or you can take them to your guests, if that's more appropriate or more convenient for all concerned.
Caroling parties are among the most joyous of Christmas occasions, both at home and on the road. Being "in voice" is no requisite. In fact, enthusiasm can go a long way toward replacing ability to carry a tune. Your caroling party will be more successful if you provide the singers with mimeographed sheets of carol lyrics. If your singers will be more comfortable with four-part music, provide a collection of carols or hymnals for all. Accompaniment is not really that necessary on the road, but if the instruments and talent are available, invite someone to play—an accordian, a recorder, a trumpet (if the weather isn't too cold). At home, it's always nice to have one or more accompanying instruments, although one strong leading voice will suffice nicely in the absence of instrumental play-along.
For a different emphasis, give a Generation Gap gathering. Invite all ages, as many generations as

possible, and ask each person to share Christmas memories. Use a cassette tape recorder so that these memories can be preserved for the future generations of your family. **For aspiring actors, give a Scrooge Party.** Have your family and friends dress up and act out Dickens' beloved classic, *A Christmas Carol.*

9 creating gifts with a personal touch

Making pomander balls is always a pleasant, fragrant, if somewhat sticky job. Pour whole cloves into a bowl, but work over a second larger, shallow bowl so that unused cloves will remain dry. Take an orange or lemon in your hands and, using a pencil or ice pick, punch a row of holes, then place one clove in each. Be sure the holes are large enough so the cloves slip in easily, otherwise they will break. Continue until the entire fruit is clove-studded. Tie each pomander with a pretty ribbon and allow to dry a few days. These can be wrapped as gifts, or keep a bowl of them near your front door to be given spontaneously to guests during the Christmas season. **If you have the ingredients, homemade sachets and potpourris also are welcome gifts.** For guidance, we suggest that "Potpourris and Other Fragrant Delights" by Jacqueline Heriteau (Simon and Schuster, New York City; $4.95) will be very helpful. **Personalized Christmas stockings are lovely keepsake gifts,** and they needn't be restricted to the Santa Claus crowd. Granny-square stockings of red, white and green yarn and lined with red or green satin are sure winners. Felt stockings can be machine- or hand-stitched and then decorated appliqué-fashion with colorful press-on or adhesive tapes. **Most children will delight in making candles** and the pleasure is twofold when the candles are personalized as gifts. With the individual's special interests in mind, candles can represent flowers, musical instruments, a hobby or even a sports activity. **Nicely rounded, fist-sized stones can become excellent paperweights** —and gifts. Use acrylic paints to turn the stones into amusing creatures or to transform with simple abstract or geometric designs. **Felt placemats decorated with ribbons of colorful adhesive tape are quick, inexpensive seasonal gifts.** Using felt of red, green, white (or the recipient's favorite color), cut each mat approximately 13 by 18 inches. Place a dinner plate in the center of a mat, and plan your design around it. When it's completed, spray with fabric protector. **A doorstop makes an appreciated old-fashioned gift.** With the time, you can do a needlepoint cover for a plain brick. Or fold a Sears or other large mail-order catalog into a doorstop. The technique is quite easy: with the pages still attached to the covers, grasp the upper right corner of one page in your right hand; fold it down so that the entire top edge is both flush and parallel with the left edge of the sheet; press flat with your fingers. Then take the remaining lower right edge of the page and fold it to the left edge also; press flat. (You now have a triangle.) Continue, working carefully and precisely, page by page. This takes time and patience, but the end result will be a true re-creation of American folk ingenuity. It can be left natural or can be spray-painted to suit a special color scheme. **Everyone can use stationery, and** with simple blockprinting techniques and potato or artgum eraser, even children can print personalized stationery, notepads or matchbook covers for teachers, friends and family members. Cutting the potato or eraser requires the use of a sharp X-acto knife—therefore, close adult supervision and assistance. Stamp pads of various colors are available at stationery stores. For best impressions, work on a hard, flat surface covered with several thicknesses of newspaper. **Anyone with the slightest artistic bent can make tissue-paper collages.** All you need is a selection of various colored tissue papers, household white glue and a suitable surface such as a piece of canvas-textured board from an art store. Tear or cut strips of tissue and then apply with watered-down glue in a design you like. Use paper toweling to blot off excess. This same technique can be used to cover and decorate large boxes for out-of-season storage. **Create interesting, fun wall hangings** with pre-stretched, inexpensive canvases from an art store and pieces of plastic foam. Everything from cameras to television sets comes packed in a carton with these interesting foam forms. Experiment with different arrangements of the forms on the canvas until the appearance is pleasing. Paint forms with acrylics, then let dry and attach them to the canvas with household white glue.



When it comes to goodies from home, who cares about calories? Jeannene wraps individual pieces of fudge and places them in a gift box she has covered with wallpaper.



Great last-minute gift: Steven uses acrylic paints to transform a fist-sized smooth stone into a contemporary paperweight.

10 going places together

The hustle-bustle of Christmas sometimes keeps us from actually enjoying ourselves as families together. One thing you can do in the spirit of the season is to visit restorations to experience holiday celebrations of other times. You may know of others in your own region; some that come readily to mind are: Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.; Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Conn.; Beacon Street, Boston; Gallier House, The French Quarter, New Orleans; Old Bethpage, Bethpage, Long Island, N.Y.; Sleepy Hollow Restorations, Tarrytown, N.Y.; Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Va.; Pennsylvania Farm Museum, Landis Valley, Pa.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Old Salem, N.C.; Rodanthe, Hatteras Island, N.C.; Au Glaize Village in Defiance, Ohio; Santa Fe, N. Mex.; Shakertown, Pleasant Hill, Ky. **Another idea is to take a winter vacation as a family.** Granted, this requires no small expenditure, but you might decide as a family to take a trip in lieu of expensive gifting at home. This can be a strong vote against the usual commercialization of Christmas in favor of giving one's own time and self to those you love most. Good memories have no price; they are timeless and indestructible—attributes rarely applying to store-bought gifts. **And even if you can't go away together** for the holidays, how about reviving the all-too-rare old-fashioned custom of going together as a family to a Christmas Eve church service?


SPIRITED
VITALITY BESIDE
A CITY
HEARTH







Editor MARJORIE FOX HILTON □ **Spirited, friendly, open. These are the words to describe the living room in Mr. and Mrs. Michael Martin's New York apartment. Although the room is not overly spacious, it contains many plusses which give it a special vitality—fine architectural detailing, an enviable river view (to which the room was keyed) and the creative designing of John Terry Brown Jr. and Rosemary Gilman. The walls are a clear summery blue, the right backdrop for the color theme of deeper blues, green and "Popsicle orange" in the furnishings. At the fireplace area (*left*), a few collectors' pieces—a superb convex mirror and a carved-and-painted bird from India. Seating to flank the hearth is on twin overstuffed swivel chairs, covered in a "child-impervious" cotton twill floral print. A custom-designed table in vibrant orange is set between them. Mid-room, the approach goes from informal to sophisticated with a pair of French arm-chairs in a striking abstract of the Hungarian flame-stitch and a glass-topped table that also serves the blue linen-print sofa (*top*). The vast river view is made all the more pleasurable at the built-in window seat filled with a multitude of pillows (*above*), where the Martins and their two children can enjoy the outside.**

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'I JUST
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Editor RUTH WEIL ☐ **When the demands of her dazzling career required the transplanting of Actress-Singer Diahann Carroll to Southern California, she didn't think she could ever get used to the genial "changelessness" that characterizes that climate. Raised in the country on the East Coast, she spent a happy childhood in intimate acquaintance with the changing seasons—and was reluctant to leave those familiar autumn tangs and winter snows for the more constant airs of California. Her childhood had also imbued her with a deep sense of home ("It fills my longing to belong"), but at first her move west only filled her with a sense of displacement. She rented for awhile, but when she finally found this in-city house for sale—a secluded canyon home with an air of the country about it—she knew that here she could put down her roots again. It is a rambling, traditional house, rich in wood and brick, but it flows out of doors in all directions into luxuriant tropical landscaping. "It is truly a house for all seasons," says Miss Carroll, "and it can take on a very winter feeling, especially at Christmastime. Now that's an area where I don't think I will ever grow up! I just have to be home for Christmas—and I have even turned down some very important jobs in my time to fulfill that desire."**

BILL HELMS



The approach to the entry (*inset, opposite*) is paved with brick and scented with the fragrance of citrus trees and flowering shrubs. From outside, the house presents a quiet, formal aspect as it nestles into its peaceful surroundings. But inside, the high, beam-ceilinged spaces are surprisingly informal and are filled with the warm color relationships that reflect Diahann Carroll's attitude toward living and entertaining: "I just want everybody to be comfortable." Finding a rare moment of relaxation in what she calls her "second living room" (*opposite and near left*)—a cozy lounging space that adjoins the dining area—she sits with her back to the fire and reflects on what it is that makes her house a home. "In

THIS IS A HOUSE DEDICATED TO COMFORT

addition to its all-season characteristics, this house has a marvelous feeling of freedom and continuity. It is not particularly large but we never seem to get in each other's way—and each one can make a quiet little retreat of his own wherever it is needed." The dining area (*above*) is probably the most relaxing space in the house. It overlooks a sinuous, rock-edged pool, a waterfall and a thatched poolside shelter. "Being here," says Miss Carroll, "is like being on vacation in Hawaii. It's a great room for conversation, and once you sit down, it's hard to get up."



"I DON'T LIKE TO HURRY— AND I DON'T MIND MAKING MISTAKES"

Yet another space that is totally dedicated to the comfort of owner and guest is the den (*above and near and far right*), which contains a bar area. This room, too, opens directly out to the sunny pool area, yet manages to retain the deep interior look of a sequestered hideaway. The "official" living room (*top right*) is the single formal space in the house, and its contrast with the more casual mood of the other areas vividly demonstrates the versatility of Interior Designer Barnett Lewis, who has been working with Miss Carroll since she moved into her home. Although the house has been done on a room-by-room basis, she lauds Lewis for "making it all hang together" as a unified design concept.

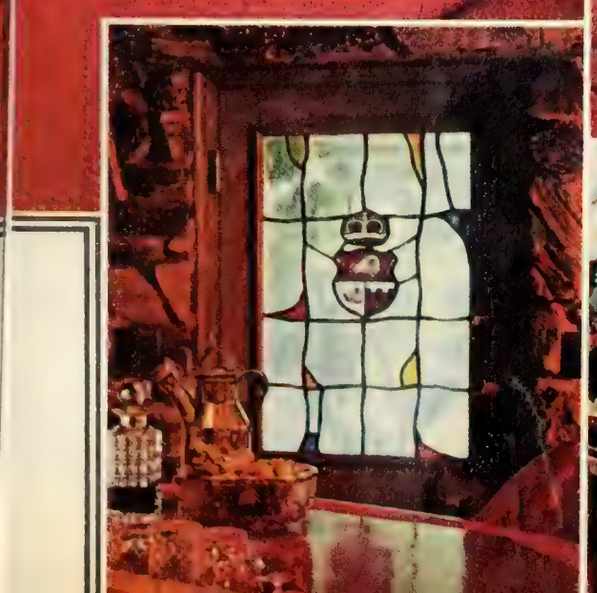
"I would never try to work without a decorator," she says, "but I don't like to hurry—and I don't mind making some mistakes along the way." The idea of achieving instant perfection in the design and furnishing of a house—or even in one room—does not appeal to her. "It's too impersonal—I would much rather just go along correcting the elements that aren't quite right yet until I find the things I really love and can feel comfortable with when they're all pulled together." She likes The Mix, and utilizes

VIBRANT COLOR SPICES UP THE MIX

contemporary and traditional art and objects. But in her view, the common denominator of a successfully accoutered home is the use of vibrant color. Her own dwelling is a textbook example.









A QUIET PERSONAL RETREAT WITHIN A RETREAT

Diahann Carroll works hard. She runs a business, raises her teen-age daughter and manages an active household. Home, to her, is a place of privacy and retreat—a quiet refuge from her busy public life where she can relax alone or with friends and restore her energies. In a house already replete with comfortable corners, her own bedroom (*opposite, top and lower left*) is a true inner sanctum—a retreat within a retreat. It is also her office. From here and from the adjacent sun-filled sitting room (*below*)—which also serves as a guest area—she watches over the many facets of her career. How does she find the time to be an "executive" as well as an entertainer? "Well, I guess I'm just nosy! I suppose I should delegate many more of these responsibilities but I do like to know what's going on in my life and I manage to keep my fingers into a lot of pies." How did she get this way? "It's a habit I picked up from Otto Preminger many years ago. We were shooting a film and during lunch he was going through his bills and signing checks. I was amazed and asked him why such a busy man as he didn't have someone doing that drudgery for him. 'Absolutely not,' he said, 'that's the most dangerous thing that you can do—to lose touch with what you earn and what you spend.' I never forgot the lesson, and it has become a way of life with me." Another view of her bedroom (*near right*) looks past an 18th-century English armoire made of intricately inlaid walnut and pine to a sumptuous, be-onyxed bath (*opposite, lower right*). The old gramophone, flanked by etched Victorian mirrors (*inset right*), still spins out its voices of the past in the billiard room. "I fell in love with the pool table," she explains, "but I can't play pool!" She uses it for sorting her music.






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A KITCHEN OF WOOD & WARMTH

The bedroom of Miss Carroll's daughter, Suzanne, is a glowing, colorful expression of Country Chic (*above*), with a metal bed set within fabric hangings for a real four-poster effect. The kitchen (*near and far right*) is anything but a coldly functional workspace. "I love to cook and I spend a great deal of time in my kitchen," says Miss Carroll, who relishes complicated cuisines and often goes through several cookbooks, adding her own ideas as she proceeds, to achieve a particular culinary result. "Unlike most people, I do not cook for relaxation, but for a complete escape. My family recognizes this and usually leaves me alone when the mood overtakes me." She often comes home from a hard day, heads for the kitchen, washes her hands and plunges in—"sometimes I don't even take off my hat!" On one occasion her friends even found her fussing about the stove in her fur jacket. Her generously proportioned kitchen has a floor of grooved oak planks and walls and ceiling that are a mixture of plaster-and-straw. It opens to the dining room at left and has a verdant, wide-screen view of the patio and the dark Polynesian pool (*inset*), in which she spends as much time as possible. "I fell in love with the swimming pool—but I don't know how to swim!" Swim or not, she always seeks out water wherever she is in the world. "To me it is the most permanent of elements. The pool reminds me of the ocean, and when I'm here, the pressures of the day simply disappear."



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'I COOK
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I DON'T EVEN TAKE
OFF MY HAT!'



In the Afghan Collection, top, from left to right: the "Kholum" carpet in carnelian; "Kholum" again, in garnet; "Kunduz" carpet in carnelian; "Kunduz" in garnet; "Sylphide," a mountain-flower chintz, in raspberry. Second row, left to right: "Pomegranate," hand-print on hand-woven silk, in grenadine; the same pattern in saffron; "Bukhara" in allspice; "Sylphide" in goldfinch. At right: "Estrellita," a star flower on Thai silk shown at top in nutmeg, below in fern. This pattern is also printed on a curtain sheer. Below, photos by Jack Larsen in Afghanistan; a young boy knotting a rug, dyed wool drying, an Uzbek tribesman with a mat of wool-wrapped reed, used in this part of the world as wall covering, then a similar mat, a massive flower and vine-patterned mosque tile in sapphire cloisonné.



Jack Lenor Larsen—weaver, designer, textile entrepreneur, adventurer—is an apostle of excellence in a time overshadowed by mediocrity. Fascinated by the world and its people, he has covered the globe from the Nile to the Shannon, from the Amazon to the Oxus, studying its varied cultures and how they are reflected in the textiles they create. Out of these studies he has produced fabrics that literally bring to the American marketplace the best of the whole world's design. Every time he unveils one of his new ethnic-inspired collections, the question is always asked: What can he possibly do for an encore? He rarely fails to excel himself each time.

This time we present his latest answer in a superb assemblage of patterns and weaving techniques borrowed from Afghanistan. They spring from the traditional art expressions of the nomad tribes, Turkoman peoples and descendants of the ancient Persians who live in the mountains and wild steppes of this Central Asian republic. All are inheritances from a land once crossed by Marco Polo's silk route from China, near Tamarlane's Samarkand, a place where Sohrab and Rustum fought (if you remember your high school Mathew Arnold); where those not-so-gentlemanly gentlemen named Genghis Khan and Alexander the Great melded East with West.

After two prolonged visits of sharp-eyed observation under the felt-covered tents of the Afghani, Larsen has given us their age-old ikat motifs (originally woven of tie-dyed yarns—an operation not to be believed), traditional geometrics in wool carpets, mountain-flower patterns and the hint of the cloisonné traceries that pave the mosques of Afghanistan. Often, motifs are hand-printed on hand-woven Thai silk. There's a thick-woven bark silk and—a coup, indeed—a reproduction of the ancient Chinese emperors' Tribute Silk, woven from wild cocoons, in 77 different colors. Throughout,

RADIANT TEXTILE TREASURES ROOTED IN ANCIENT AFGHAN MOTIFS



Larsen's colors are vigorous and full of depth, suggesting garnet, carnelian, saffron, pomegranate, raspberries and deep tawny spices. See a sampling of the collection as the weaver himself has used the designs in his own bedroom (*right*). Sofa-beds are covered in "Pomegranate," a hand-print on silk in a color called grenadine, its outlines quilted. Solid-color cushions are spicy-hued Thai silk. The checkered-pattern cushion is covered in "Equation," a hand-woven padded cloth combining cotton and heavy textured silk. The cushion pattern at far left is "Bukhara," a Turkestani motif hand-printed on silk. Other cushions are from the owner's cache of antique Afghani weavings. The rug combines the two carpet patterns in the Afghan Collection, which are woven 27 inches wide, like the tribal kelims of the Turkestani—the center is "Kholum" design and the border is "Kunduz," both shown here in a predominant red garnet. The Afghan Collection is now available through decorators.

AFGHAN SCENES, JACK LENOR LARSEN; ALL OTHERS, BILL HELMS



PART 2



By JACQUES PÉPIN □ **Elaborate as a French Christmas dinner may seem to Americans, it is still a family meal—served after Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve—with the young and old gathered around the lavish board. Gifts are traditionally exchanged immediately on returning home from church and before dinner, and it is our custom to fill the children's shoes rather than their stockings, as is done in this country and in England. In many French homes there is a *crêche*, usually under**



EUGENE COOK

FRENCH COUNTRY COOKING

the Christmas tree. Until fairly recently, we did not decorate our homes, but now we, too, are beginning to use holly on the dinner table and to hang mistletoe "for kissing under." I have suggested Champagne as the apéritif as it has always seemed to me the most attractive way to "open the appetite." As for the other wines, I think one should choose in relation to one's budget. In general, dry white wines are always served with oysters (a Sancerre, perhaps) and classically a sweet wine, such as a Sauternes, with the *Pâté de Foie Gras*—though I, myself, would continue with whatever wine had accompanied the oysters. For the goose, you could choose anything from a good Beaujolais up to a *grand cru* Bordeaux (Lafite-Rothschild, for example), and serve that right through the cheese course.

LE REVEILLON: THE TRADITIONAL

HUITRES SAUCE ECHALOTE OU CITRON

Oysters should always be opened as near serving time as possible. Curiously, in this country people sometimes wash oysters—an unforgiveable sin that washes away all those delicious juices. However, care should be taken to pick out and discard any bits of shell lurking in the juices.

To serve, place the oysters in their shells (six to a serving) on a bed of cracked ice garnished with a wedge of lemon, the Sauce Échalote in two small bowls with serving spoons and, on each side of the table, pepper mills for the true oyster *aficionados*.

Sauce Echalote
(Shallot Sauce)

½ cup finely chopped shallots (about 10 to 12)
¾ cup good red wine vinegar
½ teaspoon whole black peppercorns, crushed
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients and mix well.

OIE FARCIE ROTIE

(Roast Stuffed Goose)

1 10- to 12-pound goose, fresh or frozen, thawed

Remove the neck and giblets from the cavity and pull out any lumps of fat. Refrigerate if not used immediately. Cut off the two end wings at the second joint and set aside.

Stuffing:

6 tablespoons (¾ stick) sweet butter
5 cooking apples, peeled, cored and diced (about ½-inch)
3 yellow onions, peeled and chopped (about 2 cups)
1 large clove garlic, crushed, peeled and chopped fine (about 1 teaspoon)
1 pound ground pork shoulder
Goose liver, chopped very fine
1 tablespoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
¾ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ cup Armagnac or Cognac
2 large eggs

Melt 4 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet. Add the apples, cover and cook slowly for 20 minutes. Stir occasionally to avoid scorching.

Place the onions, 1 cup of water and the remaining butter in a heavy saucepan. Cook, uncovered, over high heat until all the water has evaporated and the onions start to sizzle (about 25 minutes). Add the garlic and cook another minute over low heat. When the apple and onion mixtures are cool enough to handle, mix together with the pork, liver, salt, pepper, thyme, Armagnac and eggs. Stuff the cavity of the goose and sew up the opening with string or white thread. Truss.

To roast the goose:

6 tablespoons (¾ stick) sweet butter
Salt
Giblets
Wing tips
2 carrots, peeled and coarsely chopped (¾ cup)
1 rib celery, coarsely chopped (½ cup)
2 cups chicken broth
2 cups dry white wine
1 tablespoon salt
½ teaspoon thyme
1 bay leaf

Melt the butter in a large roasting pan over medium heat. Sprinkle the bird with salt. Place in the pan and brown all over in the hot butter. Add all the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil over a good heat. Roast in a preheated 400° oven for one hour, basting every 10 to 15 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 350° and roast another 1½ hours, basting every 15 minutes. By that time, the goose should be nicely browned and the liquids reduced to a rich sauce. Lift the goose to a heated serving platter. Remove the trussing strings. Keep warm.

Strain the juices through a fine sieve, pushing hard with the back of a wooden spoon or spatula to extract as much of the vegetable pulp as possible. Then scoop off as much fat as you can (approximately 4 cups of juice will yield about 2½ cups of rich sauce and 1½ cups of fat). Allow the goose to rest half an hour before serving.

LE REVEILLON

(Christmas Eve Dinner)

Champagne

Huîtres Sauce Echalote* ou Citron
(Oysters on the Half Shell with Shallot Sauce or Lemon)

Pâté de Foie Gras
(Goose Liver Pâté)

Pain Noir (Pumpernickel) **Beurre** (Butter)

Oie Farcie Rotie*
(Roast Stuffed Goose)

Pommes Sautées*
(Sautéed Apples)

Pommes de Terre Dauphine*
(Cream Puff Potatoes)

Salade d'Endives
(Endive Salad)

Chèvre Brie Reblochon

Petits Pains

Bûche de Nöel*
(Christmas Yule Log)

Cognac Chartreuse Verte

Coffee

POMMES SAUTEES

½ cup (1 stick) sweet butter
12 cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced into eighths (about 11 cups)
1½ teaspoon salt

Take two very large, heavy skillets and place half the butter in each and heat until it has turned a rich hazelnut color. Add the apples and salt (half to each pan) and sauté over a high heat for five to six minutes or until they start browning. Then place in a large casserole (2½ quarts). Cook in a preheated 350° oven for 40 minutes.

POMMES DE TERRE DAUPHINE

(Cream Puff Potatoes)

3 or 4 medium potatoes (¾ pound)
1½ teaspoons salt
1 cup water
⅓ stick sweet butter, cut into bits
¼ teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
1 cup all-purpose flour
4 large eggs
Vegetable oil for frying

Wash the potatoes, cover with cold water, add 1 teaspoon of the salt and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and boil slowly for 25 to 30 minutes or until they are tender when pierced with the point of a knife. Make sure the potatoes are covered with water throughout the cooking time. When done, lift the potatoes from water with a slotted spoon and let cool for 15 to 20 minutes. Peel the potatoes, cut into large pieces and, with your fingers or a spoon, push through a metal sieve or food mill; there should be about 1½ cups.

Put the cup of water into a saucepan, add the butter bits, salt and pepper and bring to a boil. As soon as the water boils, add the flour all at once. Remove from heat and stir the mixture vigorously with a wooden spatula for one minute so that all the ingredients form a smooth, homogeneous mass of dough. Put back over low heat and continue working with the spatula for three to four minutes to dry; a crust should form in the bottom of the saucepan. Transfer the dough to a clean bowl (discard the dry piece or it may stick to the bottom of the pan). Let dough cool for about 10 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, beating hard after each addition. (If you do not cool the mixture, it may scramble your eggs and ruin the whole dish). Mix in the potato pulp. Heat the oven to 180°-200°. Heat the oil in (*Continued on page 111*)

FRENCH CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY DINNER SERVED AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS

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GIVE THE WINES FOR A TASTING PARTY

By LINDA B. DOWNS □ **Choose a region, a country, even a particular type of wine and and wrap up a selection of bottles that would let your friends host a fête exploring that wine territory. If you like, include blank invitations or tasting programs or perhaps a basket of cheese to serve with those wines—Robert Jay Misch's *Quick Guide to Cheese* (Doubleday; $3.50) is an excellent reference here. To help with the wine suggestions, six guest experts have outlined tasting samplers you can give for less than $100, each to send with the certainty that it will delight novice and connoisseur alike**

...AND HOPE THAT YOU'RE INVITED

1 VICTOR PUPPIN

DISCOVERING FRENCH WHITES

As sommelier of the Brussels Restaurant in New York City for the past 27 years, Victor Puppin has had what he terms "both the opportunity and the pleasure" of tasting thousands of wines. Along the way, he co-founded the Sommelier Society of America (which may offer up to 50 wines at its monthly invitation-only tastings) and earned himself a reputation as one of the country's foremost sommeliers. Puppin thinks that a sampling of the very best wines can be given for $100 "including tax." In planning a tasting, he adds, always have a program or at least a pad and pencil available for note-taking "and before serving any wine, be sure there is no trace of soap on the glasses." For a gift of French whites, he suggests a 1972 Alsace Riesling ($4.35), a 1971 Château Olivier from the Graves area of Bordeaux ($5.20), Hermitage Chanté Alouette 1970 ($6.05), a 1972 Muscadet ($3.55), a 1972 Pouilly Fuisse ($8.15), Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 1971 ($8.07), a 1971 Meursault ($7.10) and Puligny Montrachet ($9.27) and, for a grand finish, Beaune Clos de Mouches 1971 ($11.75) and Montrachet Marquis de La Guiche 1971 ($28.65)—for a total of $92.14 at New York retail prices (including tax). And with all his tasting, Victor Puppin notes, "I still enjoy wine with my meals and feel that if one has wine with his meals, he will probably live to be a hundred."

2 JOYCE WHITE

A WINE SAMPLER FOR BEGINNERS

For a life that spans widely disparate roles, Joyce White's wardrobe leans to separates—always worn with her trademark turbans and winningly broad smile. As monthly wine columnist for *Encore* magazine, she's a familiar figure at the chic restaurants where so many New York wine functions take place. As a general reporter for *The News*, she's exposed to quite a different side of life—and any second Wednesday may find her rushing out of the specially cooked Wine Writers Circle luncheons at The Four Seasons to cover some story developing on the streets of the city. Rather than suggest wines from a specific region, Joyce said she would like to design a tasting collection to give a wine beginner. "For such an exploratory tasting, I would give 10 wines—no more—that vary considerably in character and style, choosing honest 'little' wines that don't lay claim to exalted airs—or prices." She would start with three whites, a spicy Gewürztraminer from Alsace, a crisp Muscadet and a flowery Vouvray from the Loire, "three wines to allow the budding wine lover an opportunity to see that all whites don't 'taste alike'." Her fourth wine would be a Burgundy white, "and since everyone in Des Moines, Iowa, knows about Pouilly Fuissé, I would choose one of its neighbors, Pouilly Vinzelles, half the price at around $3 a bottle. And the final white would be a Meursault, —say a 1970 or '71, priced at under $4 for a good regional—to let tasters discover what gold lies in the full-bodied wines of Meursault. My choices for reds would run in a similar vein. I would choose Sichel's Pierredon 1970, a lovely little wine from Bordeaux's Côtes de Bourg, and a 1970 Château Mont Celestin, an Entre Deux Mers that's full of body yet mellow and lovely at about $4. Then I would include a Mâcon Rouge Villages to show the fruitiness of the Maconnais wines and, for a change of pace, a 1967 Auxey Duresses, perhaps a Les Duresses, a good, solid wine at about $5.50. And finally, I personally would include a discovery I found at Vendôme Liquors in New York, a 1967 Laroque St. Emilion. If that's not available elsewhere, similar Bordeaux could be found at about the same $4 a bottle."

3 CREIGHTON CHURCHILL

LEARNING AMERICAN REDS

Music was Creighton Churchill's first serious love. But while he was abroad studying music in France and Austria, he also became interested in wine. Since then, he's been a newspaper reporter, magazine editor, farmer and politician (while farming in New Hampshire)—and produced three classic books on wine (*The World of Wines* was revised this year for a new Collier paperback edition). In recent years, he's been deeply tuned in to American wines—every time you order a glass of wine on an American Airlines plane, it's from a list he selected —and is currently working on a new book on American wines. Designing a tasting gift list for American red wines, he says, "Certainly no such tasting should omit the latest spectacular (in price, anyway) newcomers, the Gallo Ruby Cabernet, Barbera and Zinfandel just making their debut at about $2 a bottle. Then compare these with another comparative innovation, Almaden's Grenoir Original, developed from a version of the celebrated rose grape of Tavel, and add two contrasting types of Zinfandel: Louis M. Martini's sharp classic from the north country of California and Wente's softer one from south of the bay. For contrasting Gamays, grown almost side by side but differently vinified, try those from Robert Mondavi and Beaulieu, the two pioneers with the true Beaujolais grape. All of these listed so far are from the *vinifera* or European wine grape, so now explore the red hybrids. Probably the best two come from New York's Bully Hill and from Boordy Vineyards, both simply called "Red Wine"—and if you can, lay your hands on one bottle of Boordy Red Wine from New York and one bottle from Boordy's West Coast vineyards. When we get to the most expensive California reds, the Cabernet Sauvignons and the Pinot Noirs, the Cabernet Sauvignon—what with Freemark Abbey, Beaulieu (Reserve), Heitz and Mondavi—comes out well on top. Just be sure your choices are at least five years old. California Pinot Noir, to me anyway, is another story. The famous grape of Côte d'Or just won't produce here anything that doesn't taste like an insipid imitation of a bad Burgundy. If you want to sample an American Pinot Noir, then find a way to get some from America's most promising and still undeveloped wineland, the Northwest. You may be much interested by Ste. Michelle's Pinot Noir from Washington, and I promise that anyone will fall in love with that made by Oregon's Charles Coury, though it is sold only in a few Portland restaurants. Perhaps that's a thought for a gift for yourself. As the *Guide Michelin* would put it, it's worth the trip."

4 JACK REDINGER

EXPLORING AMERICAN WHITES

The 1906 San Francisco fire and earthquake destroyed 15 million gallons of wine and gutted all but one of the San Francisco cellars of the huge California Wine Association. According to Leon D. Adams' *The Wines of America* (Houghton Mifflin, $10.95), that firm then built what was the largest winery in the world. The Redingers of Jack's Restaurant on Sacramento Street faced rebuilding another way—they raised

ALL PRICES BUT CALIFORNIA WHITES ARE NEW YORK RETAIL AND MAY VARY IN OTHER REGIONS

an identical structure to their original restaurant, founded in 1864, and carried on in the same location. Its traditions were for many years continued by Paul Redinger, who celebrated his 70th working anniversary before his death last year, and are now in the hands of the third generation, Jack Redinger. Though prices may vary a bit from the California quotes here, Jack Redinger points out that "For less than $25, you can give a most enjoyable wine-tasting line-up of California white wines." In this sampling, he has seven wines, all of which he describes as "very satisfactory," all widely available: Almaden Johannisberg Riseling, "a superbly delicate dry white with the flowery bouquet of the great Riesling grape of the Rhine" ($2.90); Wente Pinot Chardonnay, "a very dry white with full body and complex nose" ($3.75); "the delicate and light" Wente Grey Riesling, ($2.50); Krug Chenin Blanc, "fruity and fragrant, with some sweetness, most enjoyable when young and light" ($2.75); Mondavi Fumé Blanc, "full, dry and fragrant, comparing favorably to a French Muscadet" ($4.50); Beaulieu Chablis, "crisp and refreshing—a wine for seafoods" ($2.75); Pineau Souverain, "a medium-bodied and quite dry wine from the Chenin Blanc grape with a clean finish" ($3.75).

5 JULIUS WILE

A TASTING FROM BORDEAUX

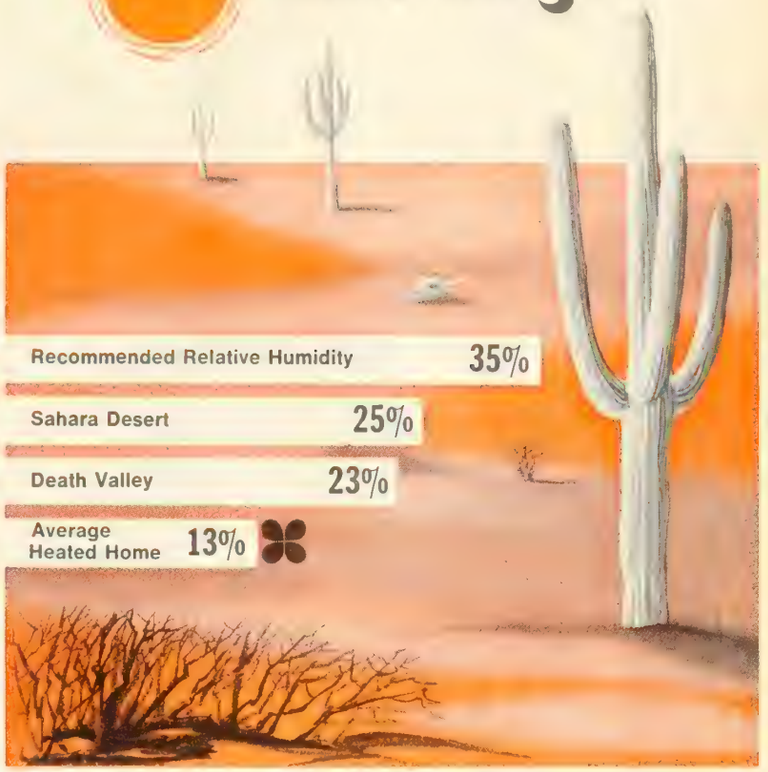
For Julius Wile, senior vice-president of Julius Wile Sons and Co. Inc., "A winter Sunday tasting is an ideal way to gather friends widely dispersed on weekends the rest of the year." The third generation of his family to be associated with the import firm founded by his grandfather, Julius Wile was raised on wine tradition. But he's also a disarmingly down-to-earth wine man who has been known to say that "If you enjoy wine, you can use any glass that doesn't have a hole in the bottom." For their own winter Sunday tastings (about four or five a year), Julius and Ruth Wile follow tradition, though, renting six-ounce or eight-ounce stemmed glasses. Wines and glasses are set up on their dining room table, with Champagne buckets on the side for disposing of excess wine. During the tasting, only cheeses and unsalted biscuits are available, but afterward the Wiles bring out a six-foot hero sandwich and a hearty offering such as Villa Antinori Chianti, followed by coffee and coffeecake, "all fun and informal." His suggestion for a gift line-up of red Bordeaux includes nine wines—"not too many, yet enough to cover the major areas, plus giving a comparison of several district wines with fine château bottlings." In the order that they should be tasted, he includes: Cabernet Merlot Sichel 1971 ($3.69); Château Malbec 1971, a Bordeaux Rouge Supérieur ($4.65); Château Falfas 1969, a Côtes de Bourg ($5.55); two Graves, Château Picque Caillou 1969 ($4.50) and Château La Mission Haut Brion 1969 ($14); Prats Frères Saint Emilion 1970 ($3.95) and Château Dassault 1967 ($4.99), another Saint Emilion; and two wines from the Médoc, Prats Frères Médoc 1970 ($3.75) and Château Cos d'Estournel 1969 ($12.75).

6 DIANA MASIERI

TWO PLANS FOR ITALY'S GREAT VARIETY

Diana Masieri grew up among the 600-year-old vineyards on the Masieri Garzadori di Creazzo family estate on the Lake of Garda. Early on, the young contessa became interested in those vines—and now puts her experience there to use as president of MBG Wines in America. To show the great range in Italian wines, she chose a basic six-bottle plan from one New York retailer, Manhattan Château Wine & Liquor, plus a second group of six to add for a larger tasting. For a mini variety, she lists two highly regarded reds, Marchesi Spinola's Barolo '67 from Piedmont ($4.86) and a Lombardy, Fratelli Polatti's Sassella '69 ($3.20); two Veneto examples, the "dry, harmonious" Creazzo's Soave '71 ($2.99) and Carpene-Malvolti Brut '69, a Spumante Italiano made by the *méthode champenoise*, ($7.99); the Kettmeir's Cabernet Sauvignon '71, "a twin sister to the wines of Bordeaux," from the Trentino-Alto Adige region ($3.69), and Lungarotti's Rubesco '71, "a unique surprise from Umbria." For a broader selection, she adds another Piedmont wine, Antonio Vallana's Vino Spanna '64 ($4.98); a Veneto red, Creazzo's Valpolicella '70 ($2.99); a Latium white, Fontana Candida's Frascati '71 ($2.99); Riunite's Lambrusco from Emilia-Romagna ($2.29); Fazi Battaglia's Verdicchio ($3.25); and another aristocrat, Nozzole's Chianti Classico '68 ($4.19).

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cream. Melt the butter and cool. Then add to the marinade. Tie the bag securely, squeezing out all air, and place in a large roasting pan. Refrigerate. Turn the bag often so that the meat will be well soaked.

To roast the venison: Drain off all the juices and set aside. The butter, you will notice, will cling to the meat and vegetables. Place the meat and the vegetables in a roasting pan just large enough to accomodate both comfortably.

Place in a preheated 450 oven for 10 minutes to brown the roast. Reduce the heat to 325° and continue roasting, basting frequently with the marinade juices. Roast 20 minutes per pound or to 125° to 130° on a Bi-Therm dial meat thermometer for pink. Do not overcook. Lift roast to a heated platter and remove the strings. Keep warm in a 120° oven.

To make the sauce: Purée all the vegetables in the electric food processor or the electric blender. Return to the roasting pan with any of the marinade juices, the currant jelly and the vinegar. Bring to a boil whipping briskly to incorporate the jelly. Reduce to about two cups. Strain through a fine sieve, then stir in the cream. Continue cooking, stirring, until the sauce has thickened lightly. Taste here for salt and pepper. Pour into a warm sauce boat. Garnish the platter with lemon wedges and a bunch of watercress. Serve with currant jelly. Serves 12 to 14.

Puréed Chestnuts

2 pounds shelled dried chestnuts*
½ cup (1 stick) sweet butter, melted
1 cup heavy cream
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Sugar

Place the chestnuts in a large saucepan. Add enough cold water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Drain. Cover again with cold water. Repeat a second, then a third time—cooking, all told, for 45 minutes. Rinse the nuts under cold running water, then drain. Pick over the chestnuts, removing any clinging bits of brown skin.

To purée the chestnuts, you can do it in one of two ways: Combine the butter and cream with the nuts and purée in the electric blender or in the electric food processor. Season well with salt, pepper and a dash of sugar. Spoon into the top of a double boiler, seal with Saran and set aside until time to heat. Then place over simmering water until piping hot.

Spoon into a serving dish and add a good lump of butter. Serves about 12.

*Available in Italian and Chinese food stores.

Christmas Soufflé with Clementines in Cointreau

This glorious soufflé should be made at least 24 hours before you plan to serve it. Clementines are a type of small orange or mandarin (not unlike kumquats) raised in Europe.

1 20-ounce bottle of glazed Clementines in Cointreau*
1 four-ounce container candied citron
1 four-ounce container glacé pineapple
1 cup golden raisins
1 3½-ounce container glacé cherries
5 eggs, separated
1 extra egg yolk
2 cups sugar
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
3 cups heavy cream
1 cup slivered, toasted almonds
Garnish: Angelica and candied (glacé) cherries

Drain the Cointreau into a large bowl. Add the citron, pineapple and raisins. Allow to marinate for several hours. Puree the clementines in the electric food processor or in the electric blender. Cut cherries in half.

Combine the egg yolks and *one cup of the sugar* and beat with an electric beater until light, creamy and very thick. Combine the remaining sugar and ½ cup of water in a small saucepan. Place over low heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Bring up to a boil and boil hard until the syrup "spins a thread" (220° to 225° on a candy thermometer). Meanwhile, add the cream of tartar to the egg whites and beat in the electric mixer until they begin to hold a shape. When the syrup has reached the right stage, gradually add to the beaten whites, beating hard and constantly until the meringue is stiff and shiny. Cool.

Pour the cream into a large mixing bowl and whip until it holds firm peaks.

Thoroughly drain the fruits (reserve the cointreau to use in other cooking) and stir into the egg mixture. Pour mixture over the meringue, add the almonds and fold in with a rubber spatula. Finally, add the whipped cream and fold it in too. Pour into a 1½-quart soufflé dish, filling it right to the very top. Smooth the surface. Place in the freezer until firm to the touch. Place the remainder of

ne soufflé in the refrigerator.

To finish the soufflé: Make a ollar *(see below)* and tie around ne dish. Spoon the remainder f the soufflé on top and smooth ne surface. Return to the reezer until firm.

To garnish: Remove the collar and decorate the top with leaves" cut from angelica nd flowers made with canied (glacé) cherries. Place n refrigerator for about ½ hour to soften before erving. Serves 12 to 14.

To make a collar: Take wide piece of kitchen parchment long enough to go around the mold and overlap slightly. Fold the paper two or three times. Apply the strip to the outside of the mold, pulling he paper together securely and tightly to insure that none of the soufflé can run down between the paper and mold. Be sure to tie very tight.

*Because of the low alcoholic content, Glazed Clementines in Cointreau can be bought in any specialty food store, and not necessarily in just a liquor store.

Smoked Salmon

Serve with triangles of hot toast, capers, oil and lemon. Some people like sliced onion, too. Always present smoked salmon with a pepper mill.

Scalloped Turkey for 12

1 six- to eight-pound turkey, thawed if frozen
The giblets
1 package (six- to eight-ounce size) commercial stuffing prepared according to package directions

Sauce:
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
1 cup all-purpose flour
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup milk
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Freshly ground nutmeg
4 egg yolks
Juice of 1 lemon
10 to 15 sprigs parsley, minced (about ½ cup)
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter or margarine
1 cup dry bread crumbs

To poach the turkey: set the giblets aside for the moment. Truss the bird if the market has not already done so and place, breast side down, in a large kettle that has a tight-fitting lid. Add two yellow onions, cut in half, skin on, stuck with two cloves; two carrots, washed, coarsely chopped; one large bay leaf; four or five stalks parsley; two celery ribs with leaves, coarsely chopped; one tablespoon salt; six peppercorns and enough cold water to cover.

Place over medium heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, place a piece of waxed paper on top and then the lid and simmer for 1½ hours. At this point, test for doneness. Properly cooked, the breast should be firm, the legs soft and the skin just beginning to shrink from the leg knuckle.

Lift the turkey from the kettle with two wooden spoons, draining any liquid from the cavity back into the kettle. Place the kettle with all vegetables back over high heat and reduce to four cups. Strain. Discard the vegetables. Chill the broth. Cool.

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zard, coarsely chopped, in a small saucepan with enough of the turkey broth to cover it. Bring to a boil, then simmer until almost tender. Add the liver and heart and continue cooking until the gizzard is very tender. Drain back into the kettle. Put the giblets through the finest blade of the meat grinder. Mix into the stuffing. Do not add any liquid.

The sauce: Pour the cup of melted butter into a heavy saucepan. Stir in the flour until smooth. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until the *roux* froths—about 10 minutes. Do not brown. Add the broth and beat with a wire whip until smooth. Bring to a boil. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg. Season well. Beat the egg yolks and milk together lightly. Stir into the hot sauce, beating briskly. Bring to a boil but do not boil. Finally, stir in the lemon juice and parsley. Seal with Saran and set aside.

The turkey: Pull the skin off the bird and discard. Cut off all the meat—every tiny little bit. Discard only bones and gristle. Cut the meat into generous bite-size pieces.

To finish the scallop: Butter two 1½-quart soufflé dishes or casseroles. Spread half the stuffing mixture over the bottom of each. Spoon 1½ cups (about) of the sauce over the stuffing. Cover with half the turkey meat and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add half the remaining sauce to each dish.

Melt four tablespoons (½ stick) butter or margarine and mix in the bread crumbs. Scatter half over the sauce in each dish. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 25 minutes or until the scallops are piping hot and golden. Serves 12.

Maurice Moore-Betty's Zucchini Salad with Tartare Sauce

The imaginative Moore-Betty created one of the most interesting and delicious salads we've ever eaten.

10 to 12 four-inch zucchini
Tartare Sauce
1 hard-cooked egg
1 raw egg yolk
1 cup olive oil
1 small sweet pickle, chopped fine
1 tablespoon capers, well drained and chopped fine
Freshly ground pepper
Lemon juice to taste

Small zucchini are better since they are young and therefore more tender. Wash, chop off the ends, then grate on a medium grater. Refrigerate.

To make the sauce: Peel the hard-cooked egg. Separate the egg yolk from the white. Chop yolk and drop into a bowl. Add fresh yolk. Beat with an electric beater until smooth and thick. Gradually add the oil, beating constantly. Stir in the chopped egg white, pickle, capers, pepper and lemon juice to taste. Makes about 1½ cups.

Mix with the shredded zucchini just before serving (or zucchini will "weep"). Serves 12.

Babas au Rhum

6 tablespoons (¾ stick) butter
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 package active-dry yeast or 1 cake compressed
¼ cup milk
¼ cup water
2 eggs, lightly beaten

Butter very well 12 baba molds or muffin tins. Set aside. In the bowl of the electric mixer combine the flour, sugar, salt and undissolved yeast. Combine the milk, water and butter in a saucepan. Heat over low heat until the liquids are warm (120° to 130° on a candy thermometer). Butter does not need to melt. Gradually add to the dry ingredients beating constantly. Beat for two minutes at medium speed, scraping the bowl occasionally. Add the eggs and beat again for two minutes at medium speed. Cover with a fresh dish towel and place in a warm spot away from drafts and let rise until double in bulk—about 45 minutes. Fill the molds one-third full, cover, allow to rise again until almost double in bulk—about 15 minutes.

Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out dry when tested in the center. Turn out of the molds into a shallow dish and cool to lukewarm.

While the babas cook, make this syrup: Combine one cup of sugar and two cups of water in a small saucepan. Stir until the mixture comes to a boil. Take off the heat and cool. Then stir in ½ cup dark rum. Pour into the dish with the babas. Prick the top of each baba several times with a toothpick. Spoon the syrup over them. Let stand for 30 minutes, basting often with syrup. Babas should be moist, spongy and have absorbed all of the syrup.

To finish the babas traditionally: Heat ¾ cup apricot jam in a small saucepan. When warm, push through a fine sieve to get rid of any pulp. Spoon the glaze over the top of each baba and garnish with a candied cherry or blanched almond.

Beef Rib Roast

In buying beef rib roasts, bone

in, figure on approximately ¾ to one pound of beef per person. If ribs are not short, have the butcher cut them and remove the chine bone to facilitate carving. He should also attach a piece of suet where the chine has been removed and tie the roast properly for the oven.

If roast was refrigerated, bring to room temperature.

Rub the meat all over with salt and freshly ground pepper. Place on a rack, rib side down, in a roasting pan. No rack? use your broiler pan.

Preheat oven to 325° for 15 minutes before putting in roast. Roast 13 to 15 minutes per pound or until a Bi-Therm meat thermometer registers 110° to 117° for very rare; 18 to 20 minutes per pound (125° to 130° on the thermometer) for medium rare. Don't cover; don't add water; don't baste.

Allow roast to rest on a heated platter for 20 to 30 minutes to let the juices settle and make carving easier. Remove and discard the strings and suet. To serve, garnish with a bouquet of watercress.

Yellow Turnips Mousseline

3 large yellow turnips
3 large potatoes
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Butter, softened
Heavy cream

Peel the turnips and potatoes; cut into cubes. Cook each separately in boiling, salted water, covered, until tender when pierced with a paring knife. Drain well. Purée vegetables in electric mixer. Beat in sugar, salt and pepper to taste, a good big lump of butter and enough heavy cream to give you a creamy, lumpless purée. Place in the top of a double boiler and keep warm over simmering water. Seal top with Saran.

To serve, spoon into a heated vegetable dish and add a good lump of butter. Serves eight.

Cauliflower with Mustard Sauce

2 medium cauliflower
1½ cups heavy cream
1½ cups homemade mayonnaise
Salt
3 tablespoons Dijon or Dusseldorf mustard
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
Paprika

Wash the cauliflower well. Cut off the outer leaves and the heavy stem, also any small bruised sections. Place each cauliflower in a saucepan with about an inch of boiling salted water. Cover and steam for 20 to 30 minutes or until crisply tender. Make sure to drain very thoroughly and keep warm.

Whip the cream and set aside. Combine the mayonnaise, salt, mustard and lemon juice and whip until well mixed. Fold in the whipped cream. Pour over the cauliflowers or serve separately. In either case, sprinkle with paprika.

Sour Cream Torte

3 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup sugar
Pinch salt
1 cup (2 sticks) sweet butter, cold, cut up coarsely
1 egg
Filling:
3 cups or 3 cans (four-ounce size) walnuts
2 cups or 1 16-ounce carton commercial sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
2¼ cups sifted confectioners' sugar

To make the layers, combine the flour, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl. Add butter and work into flour mixture with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture looks mealy.

Beat the egg slightly with a wire whisk. Stir into the flour mixture with a fork. Then, with your hands, work the dough until it holds together. Shape into an oblong and cut into five equal parts. Refrigerate dough until ready to roll out.

Take as many nine-inch pans as you have. Turn upside down and butter the bottoms, then coat lightly with flour.

Roll each piece of dough with a lightly floured rolling pin on a prepared pan. With a sharp knife, cut off any dough that hangs over the edge. If you haven't five pans, clean each pan after baking, then butter and flour again.

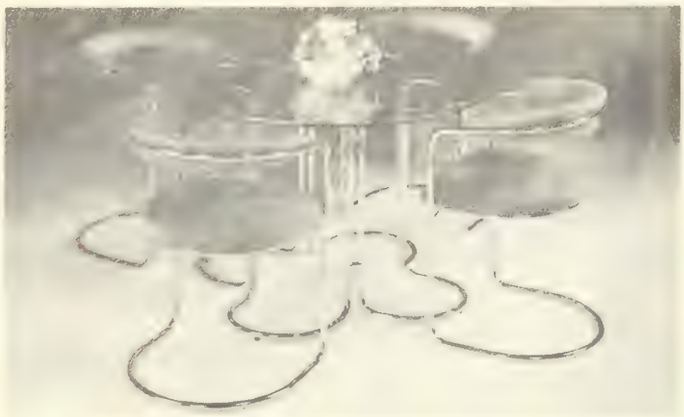
Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Place two—and no more than three—pans in the oven at a time, leaving two inches between pans and oven walls. Once cooked, place cake racks and invert. Cool.

To make the filling: Grind the walnuts in the electric blender or food processor very fine. Mix with all remaining ingredients thoroughly.

Place one layer on a platter. Spread with a thin layer of filling. Continue, layer after layer, leaving the top plain. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Refrigerate for several hours. ■



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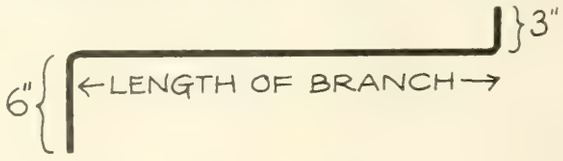
Pixie poinsettias

—assemble a living Christmas tree

By ELVIN McDONALD □ To decorate a living Christmas tree with the new miniature Pixie poinsettias as we did (see "Living Gifts of Color," page 56), follow these five steps sketched and described below. The supplies you will need include a balled-and-burlapped or container-grown tree of a size and variety you'd like to plant outdoors after Christmas; one Pixie poinsettia for each major branch; No. 9 wire (a stiff wire found in most hardware stores); one spool of No. 22 wire; one can of flat green spray paint or one pint of quick-drying green enamel and a small brush; pair of pliers and wire cutters; sheet of heavy-duty plastic to wrap tree rootball. After all the Pixie poinsettias are in place, proceed to decorate the tree. It is vital that the soil of both the tree and the Pixies be moist at the beginning. Most Pixies will require approximately two ounces of water daily. If you let the soil dry out severely, the leaves will wilt and the soil will not readily accept more moisture unless the plants are removed from the tree and the pots immersed in water.

Living trees of the size used in most homes will require approximately two quarts per five gallons of soil weekly. Provide temperature range of 60-70°. ■

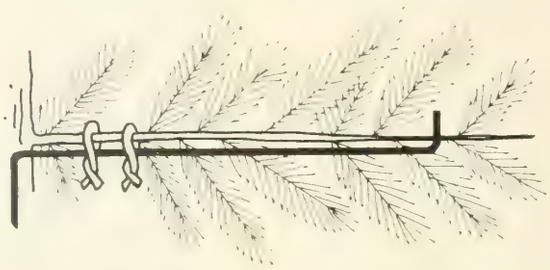
Measure one bottom branch from trunk to the tip (where the pot will sit) and add nine inches. Bend No. 9 wire in this shape.



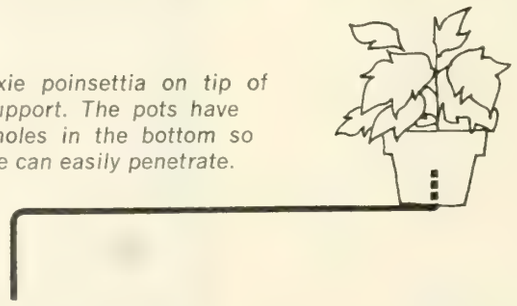


Coat wire with flat green paint. Using No. 22 wire, tightly anchor the No. 9 support wire to the trunk. Use two ties, as indicated.

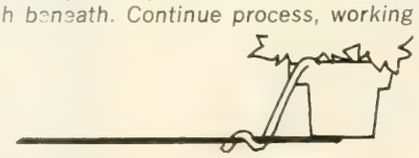
Position the support wire under the tree branch and secure as necessary, using the No. 22 tie wire.



Set Pixie poinsettia on tip of wire support. The pots have drain holes in the bottom so the wire can easily penetrate.



Stabilize pots by crimping a piece of tie wire lightly over the rim; tie to branch beneath. Continue process, working upward.



ALICE UCHIYAMA

Growing guide

—for living gifts of color

By ELVIN McDONALD □ Your gift of a flowering plant (see page 56) will be even more appreciated if you enclose with it some notes on culture. You may clip or copy the growing guides here, perhaps adding some of your own advice.

AMARYLLIS: *Light,* sunny to semi-sunny, except that plants in flower can be enjoyed anywhere in the house without permanent harm. *Temperature,* average house, though dry heat shortens flower life. *Humidity,* average house, with some fresh air. *Soil,* equal parts loam, sand and peat moss or leaf mold; or use Jiffy Mix. *Repot* in the spring, using a pot one size larger. Feed and water freely until September, then withhold until leaves die down. Store dry in a dark, cool place. After two months, bring to a warm, sunny place and resume watering.

AZALEA: These small shrubs bloom naturally outdoors in the spring when the weather is cool and moist. The closer you can duplicate these conditions indoors, the longer your azalea will stay in bloom. *Light,* sunny to semishady. *Temperature,* below 70° if possible. *Humidity,* as much as possible, in combination with fresh air. In mild climates, greenhouse-forced azaleas may be planted outdoors in spring. In cold climates, transplant to a pot one size larger, using moist German peat moss. Keep evenly moist and feed with an acid fertilizer, following container directions. In autumn, place in a cool place (50-60°) and keep the soil a little less moist until December. Then move to a sunny, moist, cool place. Water freely.

CHRISTMAS BEGONIA: The old-fashioned Christmas begonias are rarely seen today, but the new Rieger hybrids are widely distributed. They look like a single-flowered tuberous type, but roots are fibrous and culture is similar to the common wax or semperflorens begonia. *Light,* sunny to semisunny. *Temperature,* average house, but preferably not over 75°. *Humidity,* 30% or more, with some fresh air. *Soil,* humusy; Jiffy Mix is ideal. Keep evenly moist, but don't let stand in water.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS: *Light,* semisunny to semishady. Christmas cactus may not set buds if it receives any artificial light in autumn or if water is not withheld when growth slows in September or October. *Temperature,* average house, but cooler in autumn. *Humidity,* average house, preferably 30% or more. Plant benefits from frequent misting with tepid water. *Soil,* equal parts loam, sand, peat moss and leaf mold; or use Jiffy Mix. Propagate cuttings.

JERUSALEM CHERRY: *Light,* sunny to semisunny. *Temperature,* cool, not over 75°. Keep out of drafts. *Humidity,* 30% or more. *Soil,* equal parts loam, sand and peat moss (or use Jiffy Mix); keep moist. Plants may be held over by cutting back in the spring to about six inches; repot in fresh soil.

CYCLAMEN: *Light,* semisunny to semishady. *Temperature,* cool, not over 72° in winter. *Humidity,* 30% or more, with fresh air. *Soil,* equal parts loam, sand, peat moss and leaf mold; or use Jiffy Mix. Keep moist, except dry in July and August—but not to the point of shriveling the tuber. Repot in September.

HYACINTH: This hardy garden bulb has been forced to bloom early. To make it last as long as possible, keep the soil moist at all times. *Light,* bright, but no hot, direct sun. *Humidity,* as much as possible, with some fresh air. *Temperature,* below 70°. When flowers fade, cut off the stem. Enjoy the leaves as greenery until they turn yellow, then discard, or set aside and plant outdoors in the spring.

KALANCHOE: *Light,* sunny to semisunny. *Temperature,* average house. *Humidity,* average house, with some fresh air. *Soil,* equal parts loam, sand and peat moss; or use Jiffy Mix. Add water when surface soil is dry to the touch. Start new tip cuttings in the spring; discard old plant. Keep out of artificial light in autumn and early winter, so the naturally short days will trigger buds and flowering.

ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE/KALE: Keep moist in a bright or sunny place where temperatures are as cool as possible. Fresh air will prolong the life of these hardy outdoor plants.

POINSETTIA: Same as kalanchoe, except keep soil evenly moist. Keep by cutting back to six inches in the spring.

TULIP: See hyacinth culture. ■





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—among the Christmas plat

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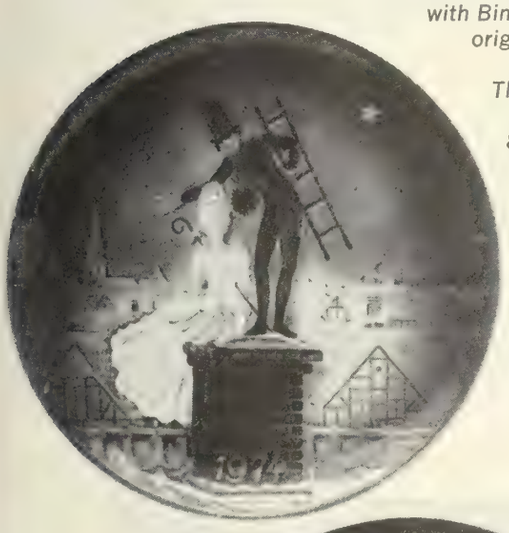
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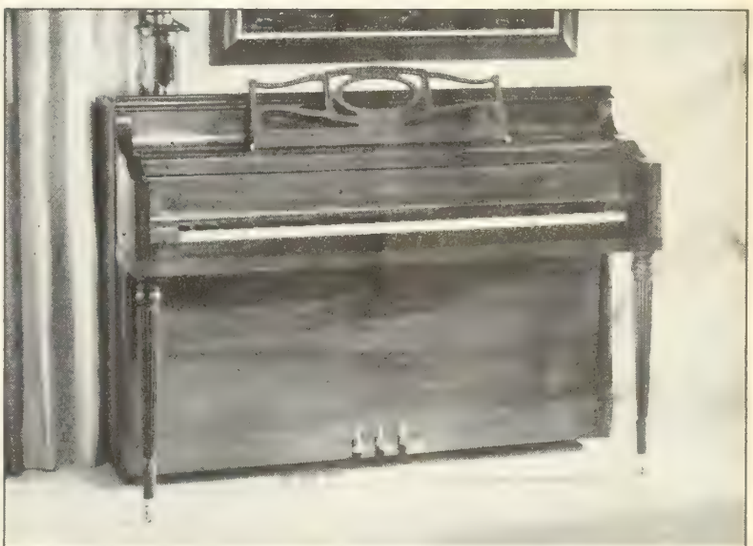
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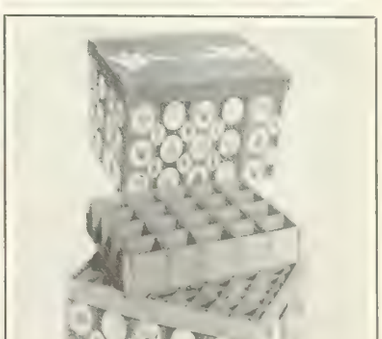
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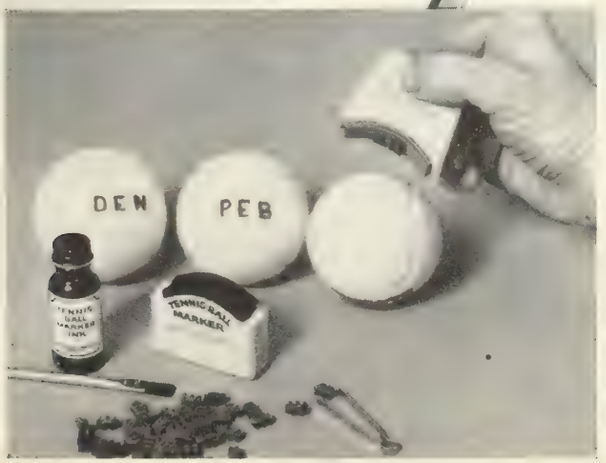


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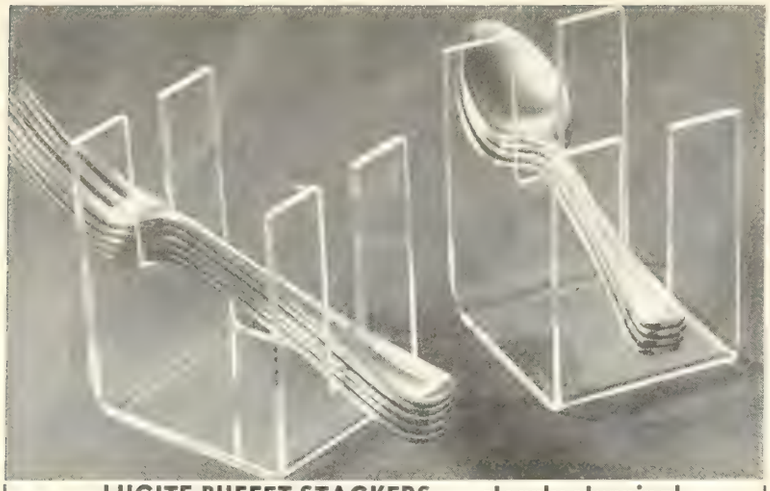


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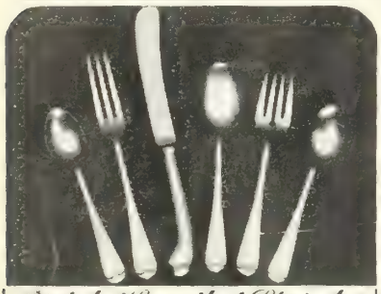
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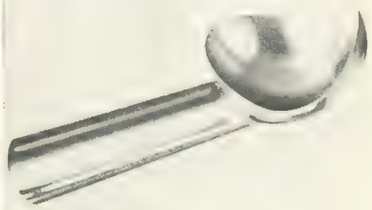
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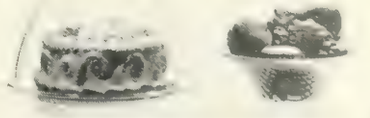


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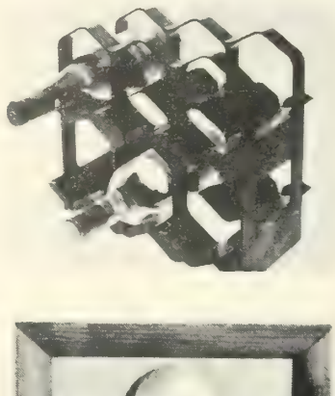
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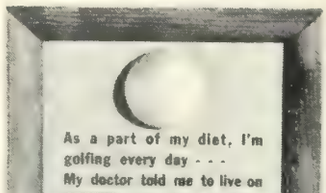
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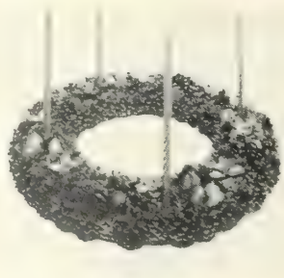
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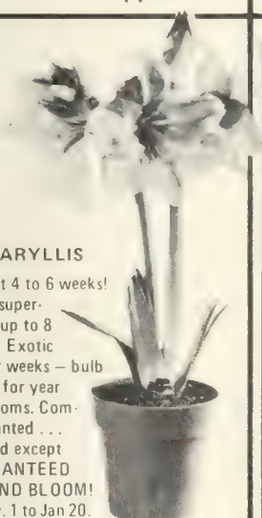
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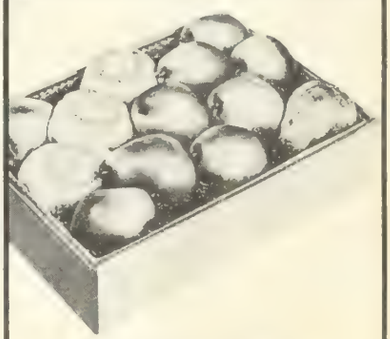
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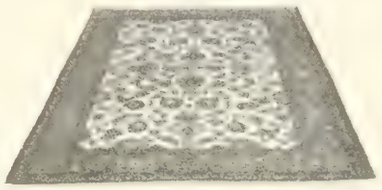
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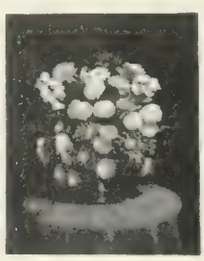
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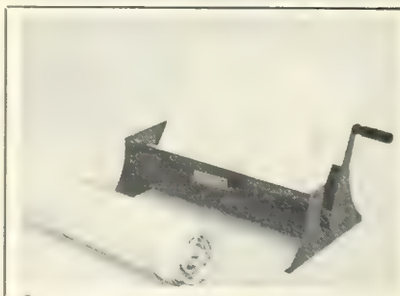
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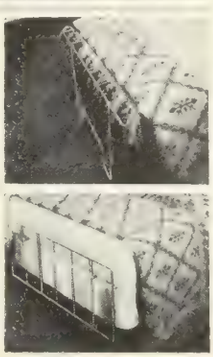
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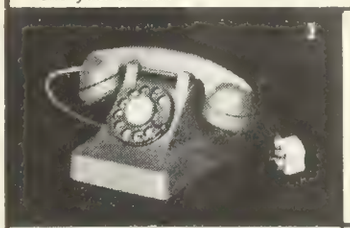


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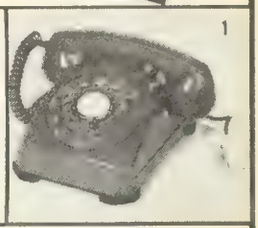
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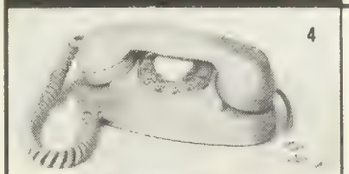
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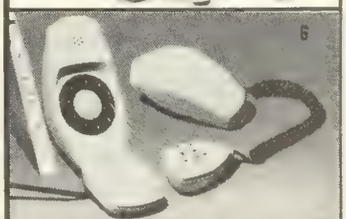


















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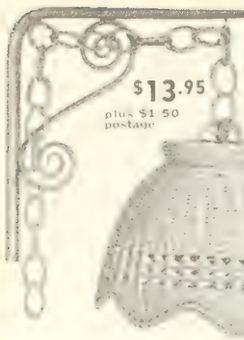
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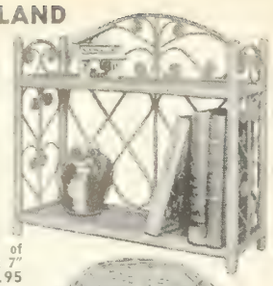
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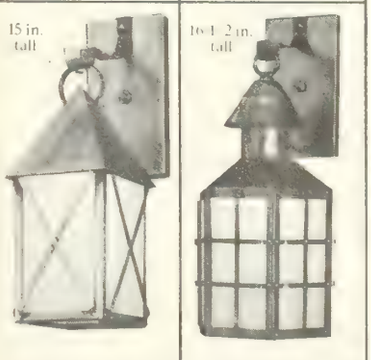
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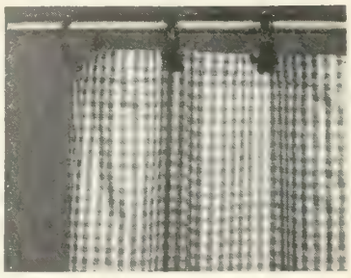
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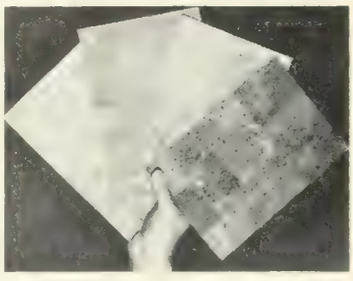
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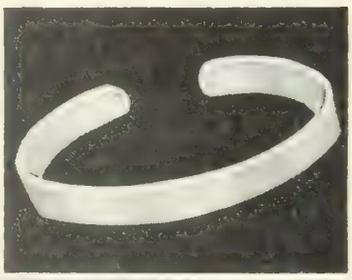
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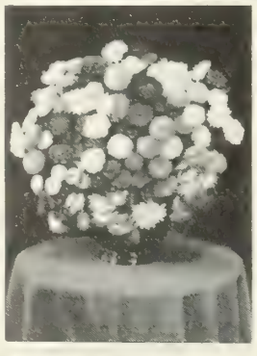
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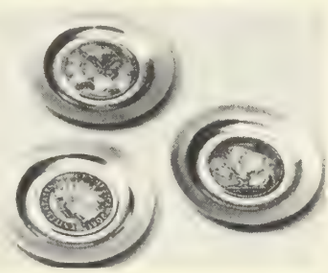
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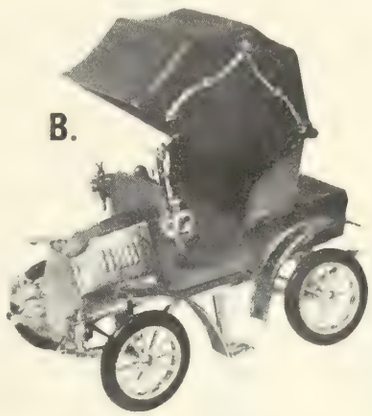
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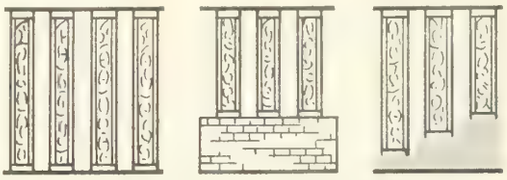
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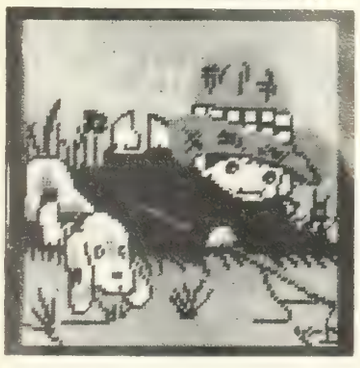
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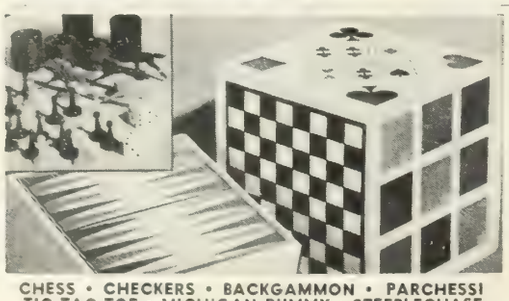
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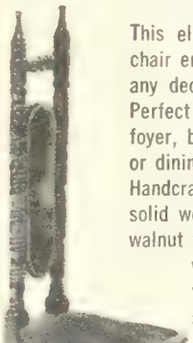
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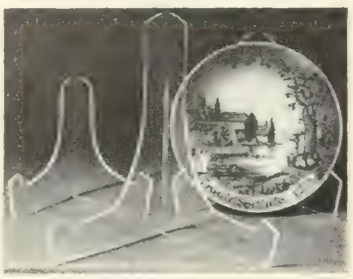
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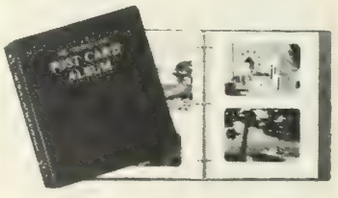
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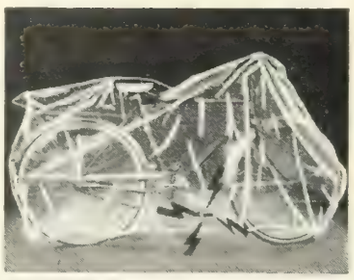
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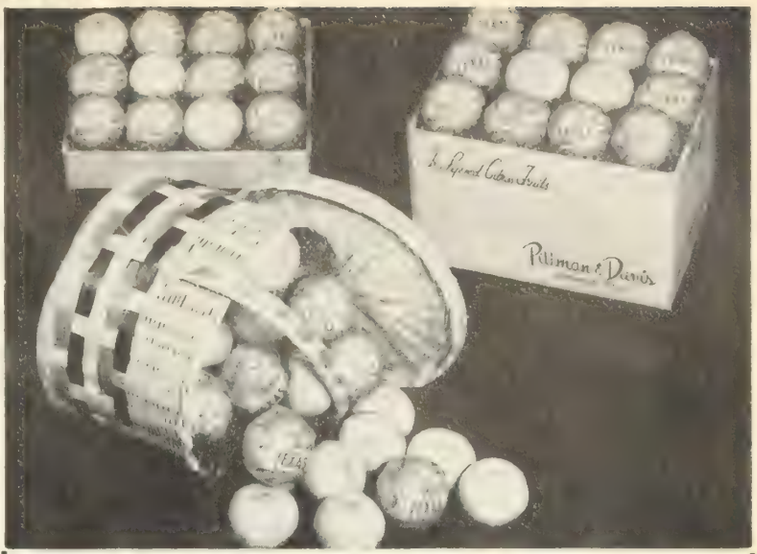
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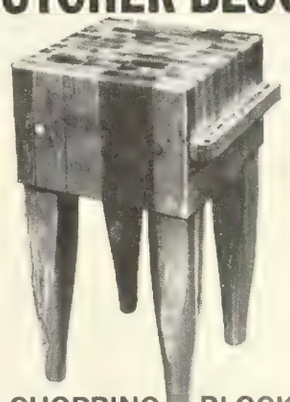
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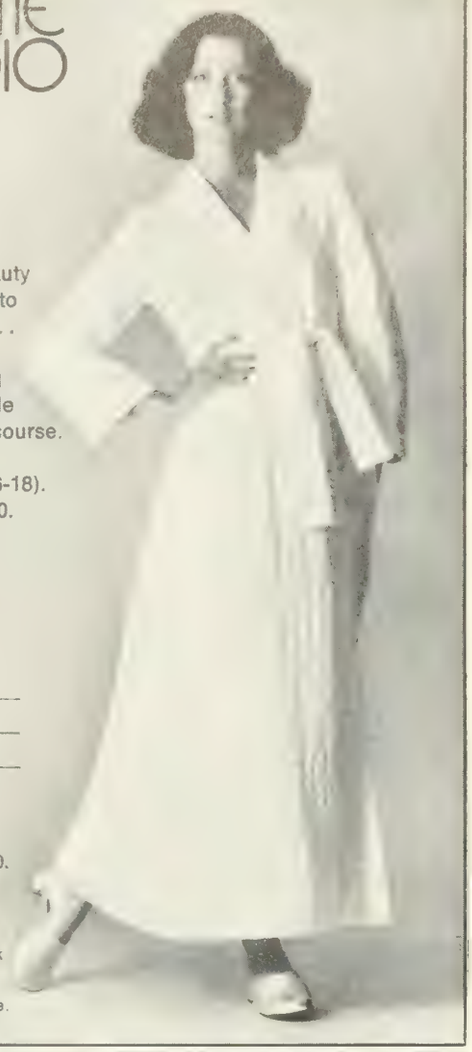
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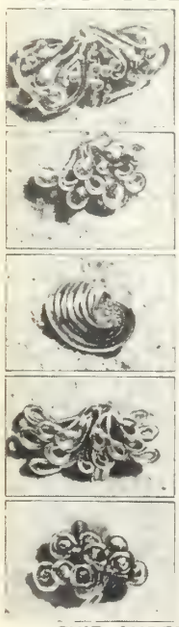
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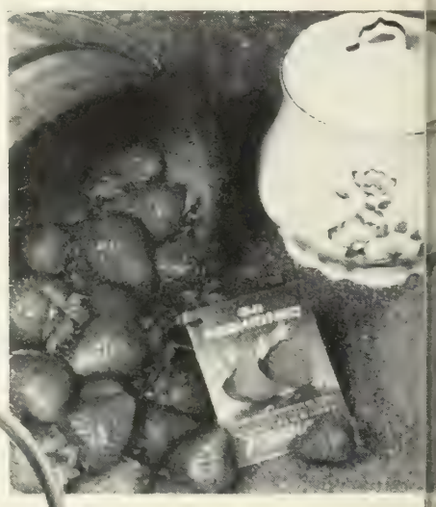
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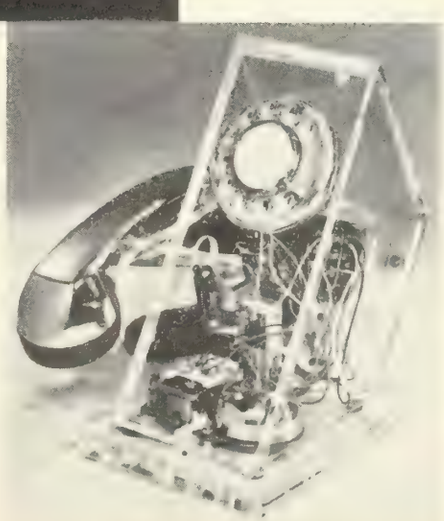
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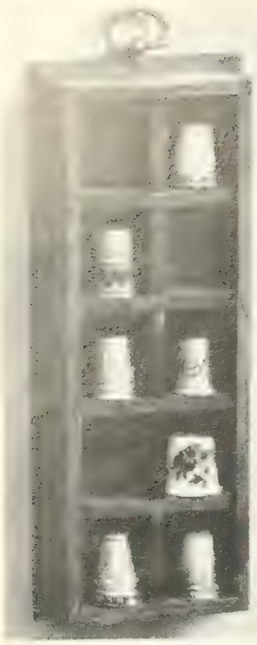
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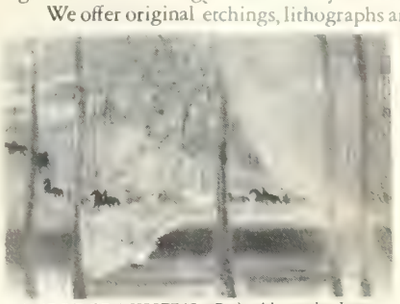
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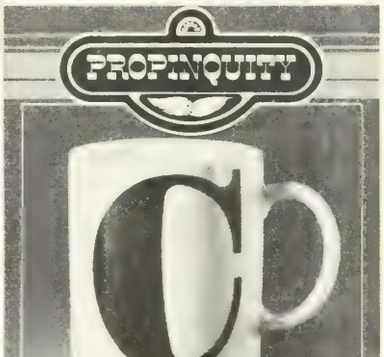
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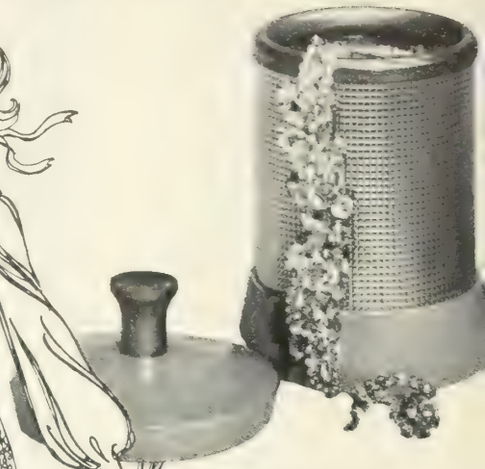
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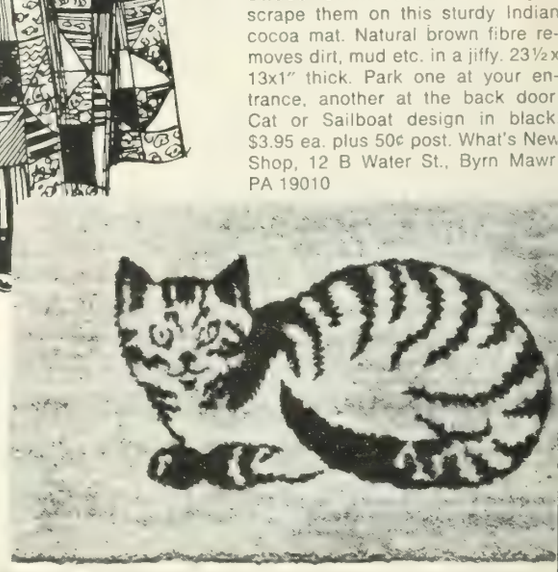




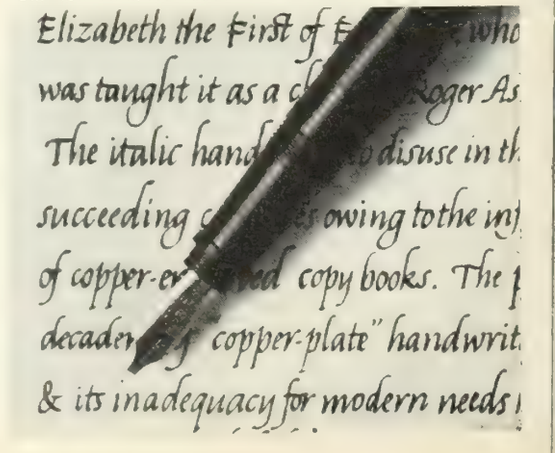
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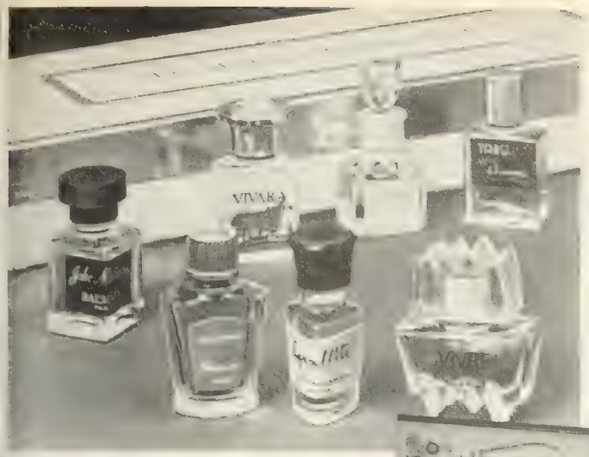
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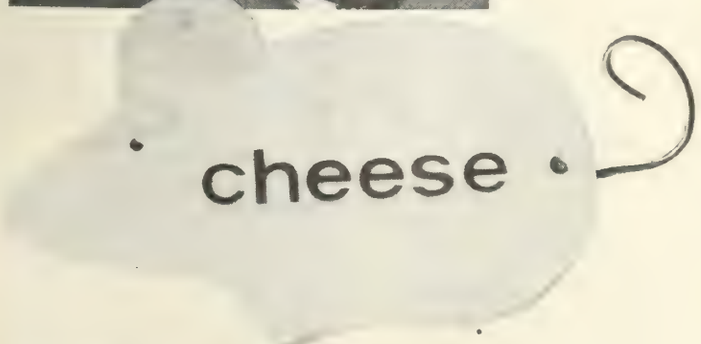
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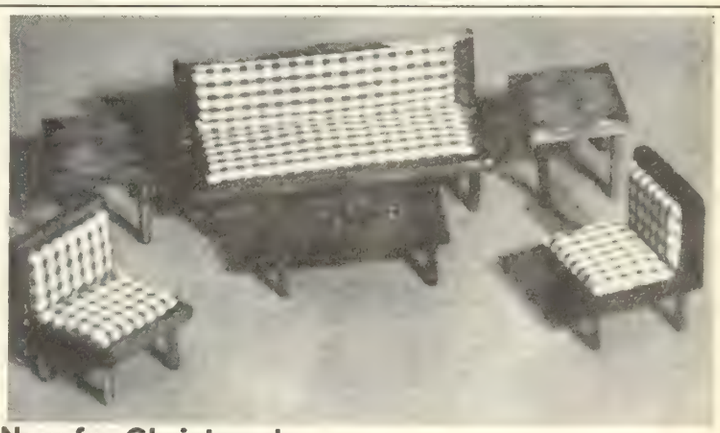
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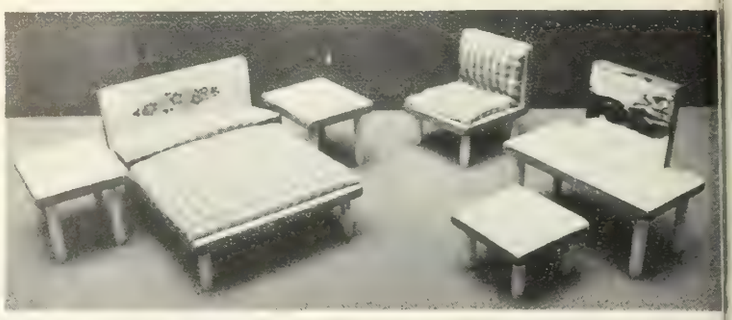
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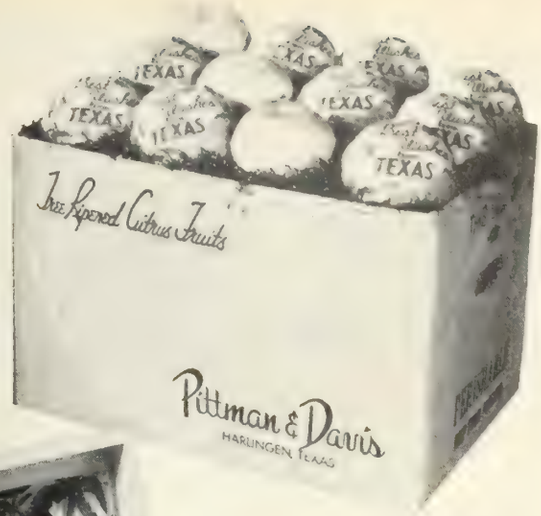
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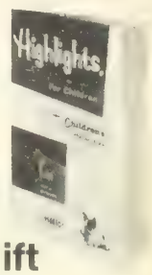
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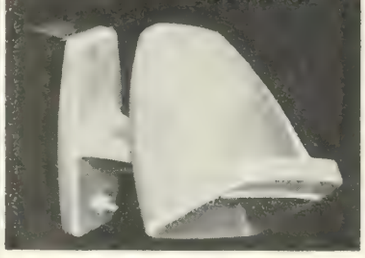
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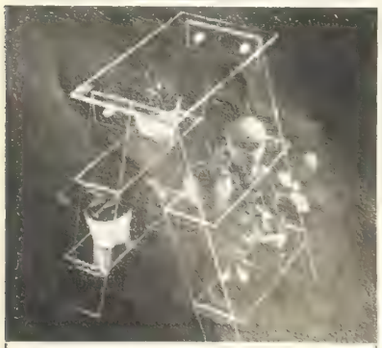
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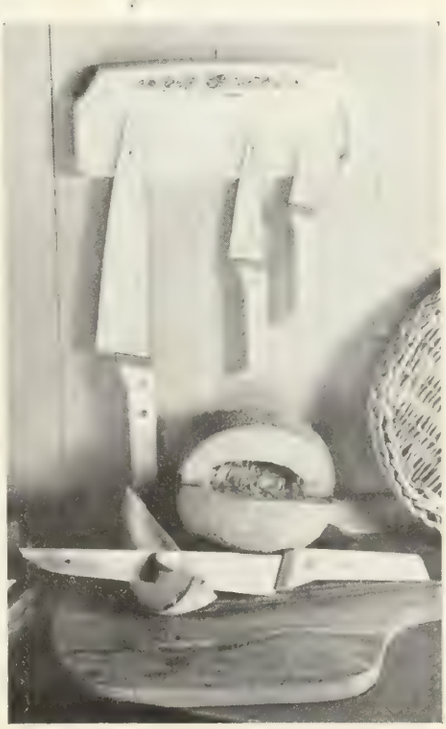
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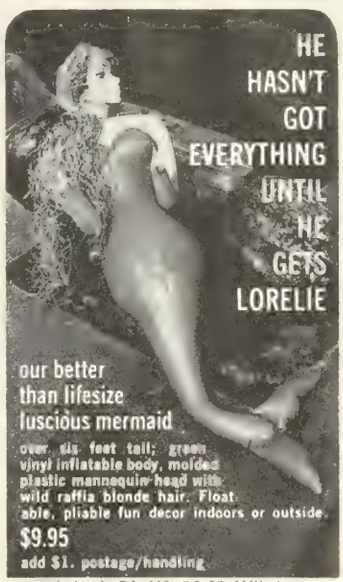
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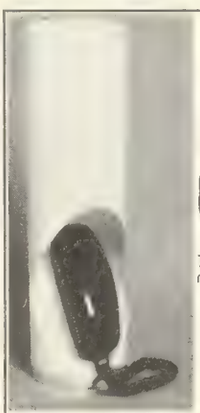
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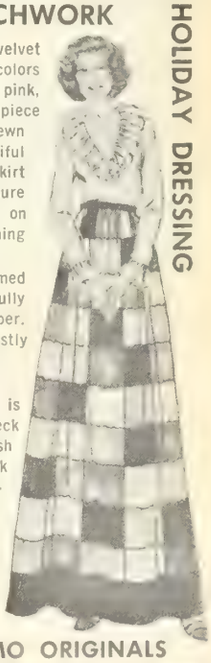
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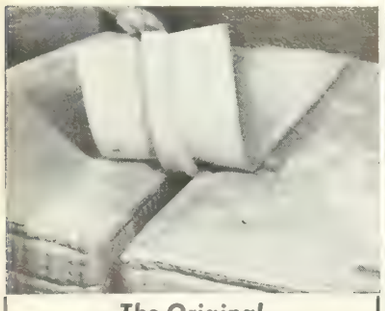


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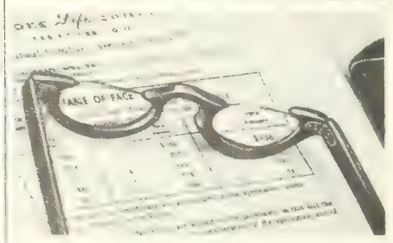
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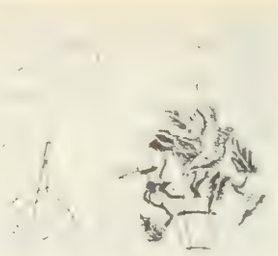
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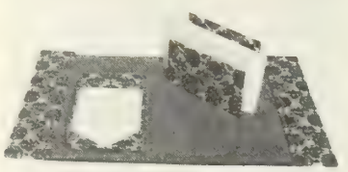
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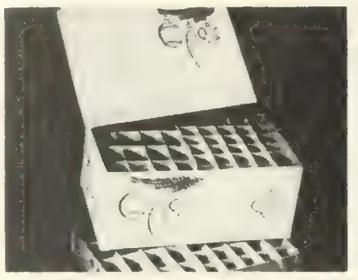
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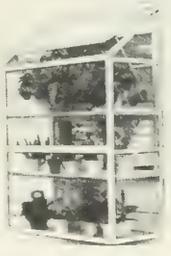
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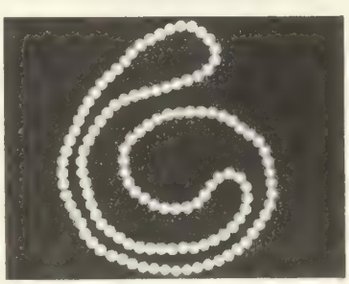
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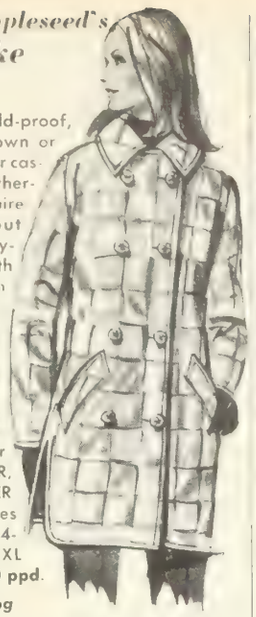
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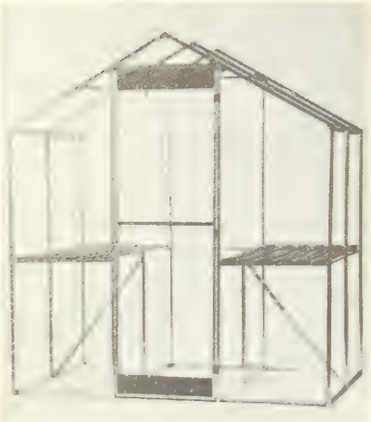
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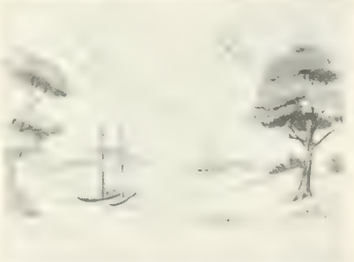
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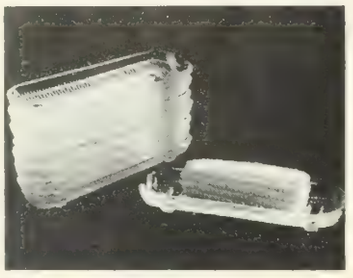
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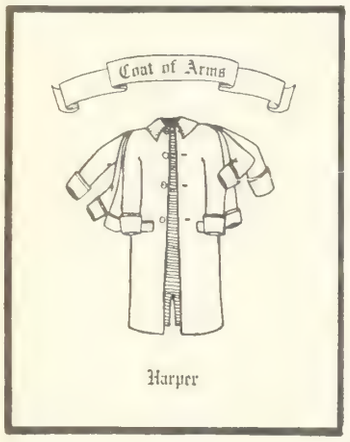


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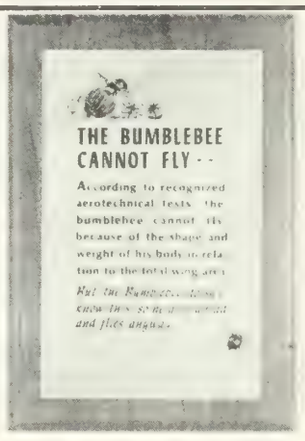
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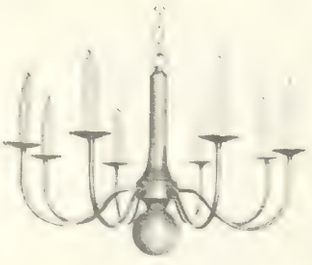
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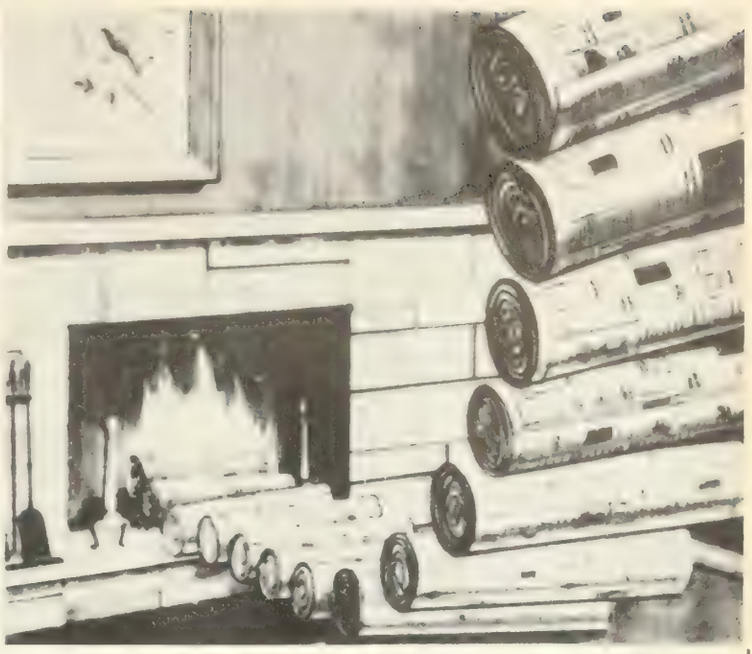


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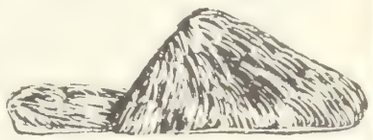
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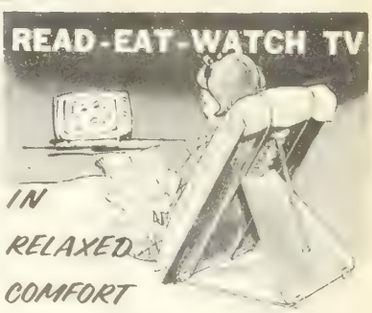
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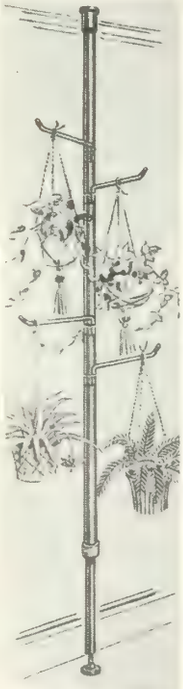
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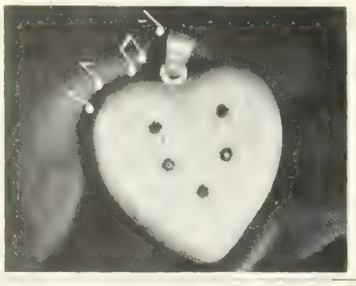
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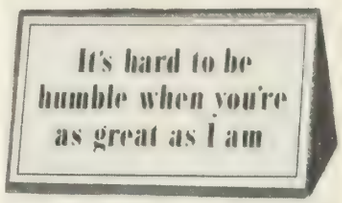
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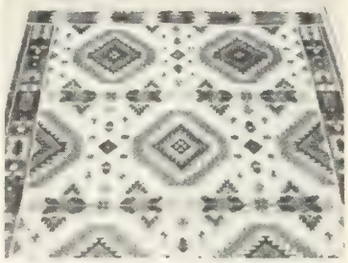
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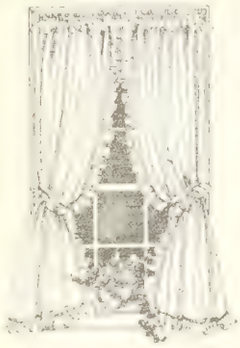
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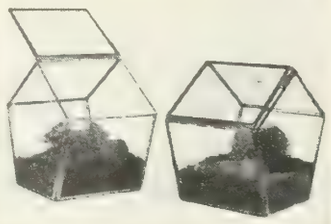
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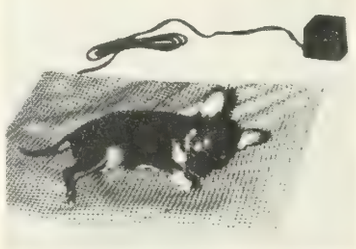
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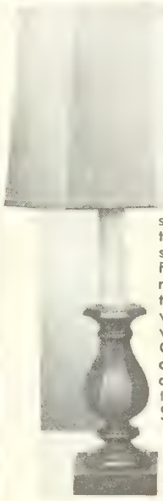
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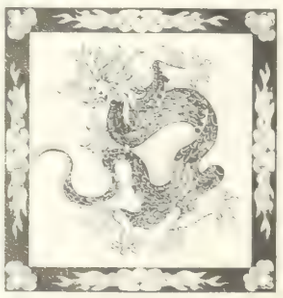
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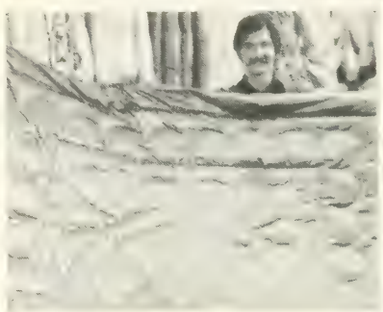


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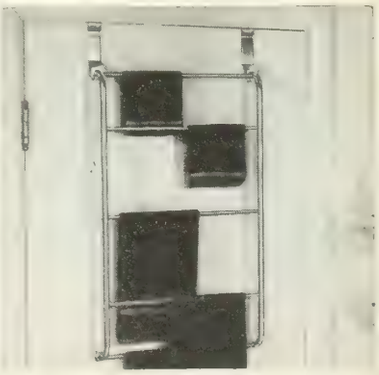
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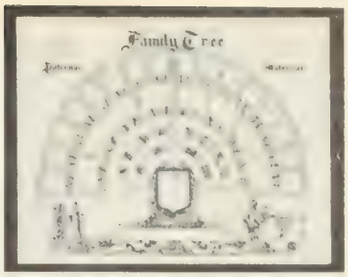
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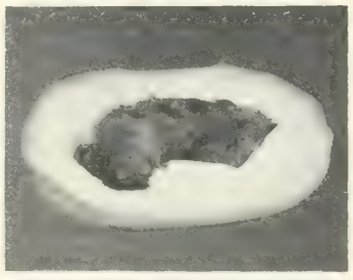
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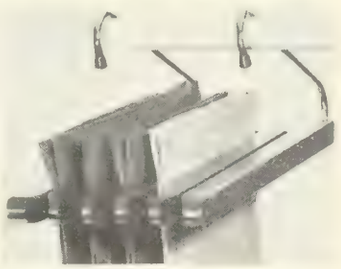
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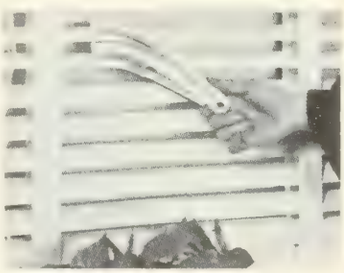
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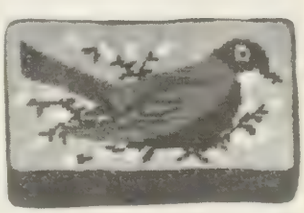
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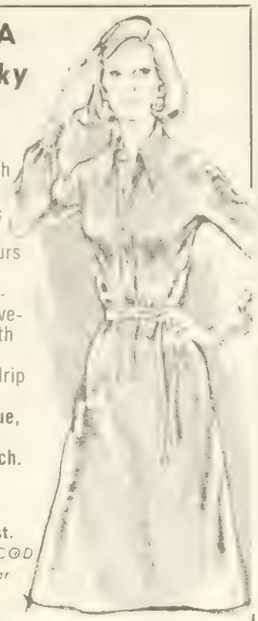
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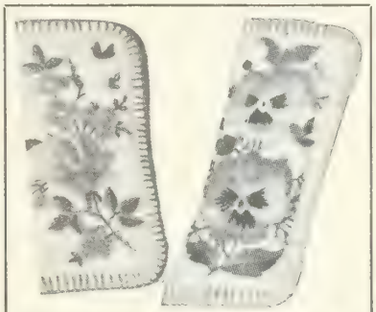
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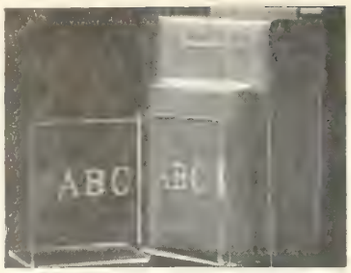
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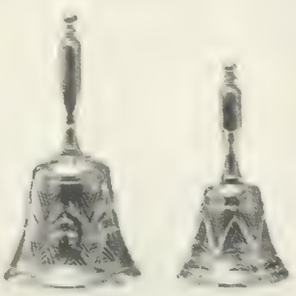
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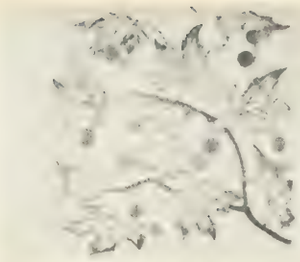
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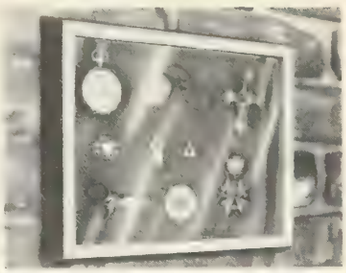
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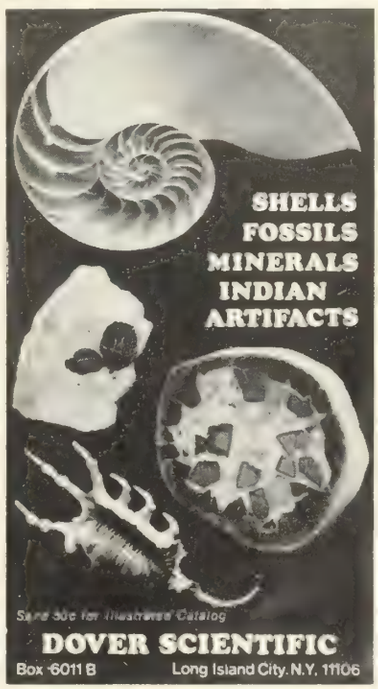
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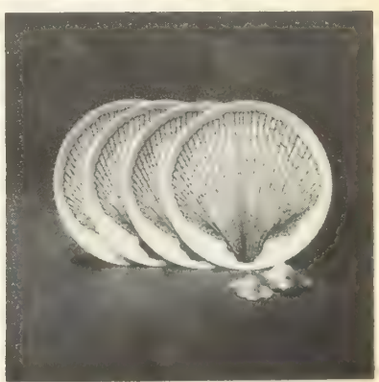
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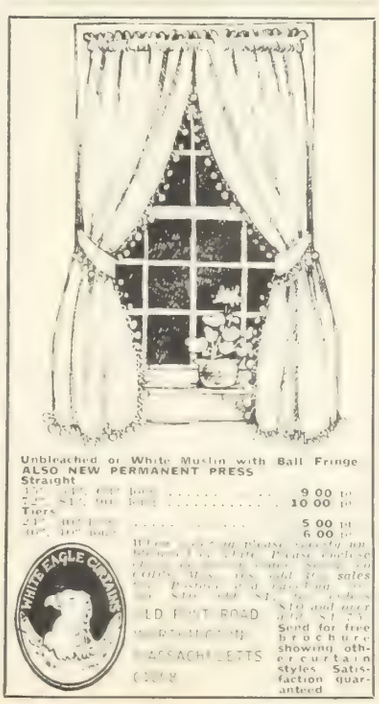
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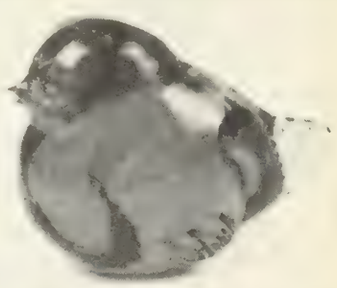
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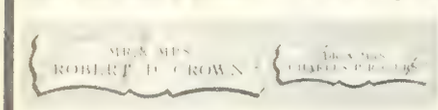
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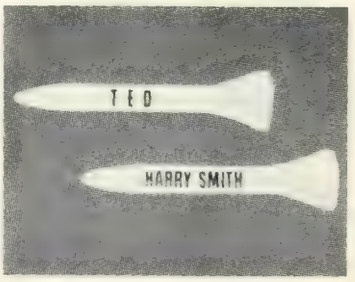
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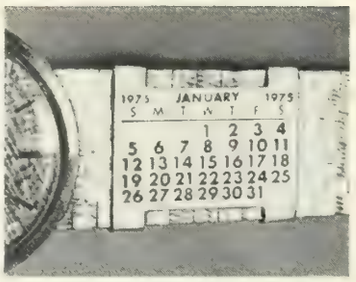
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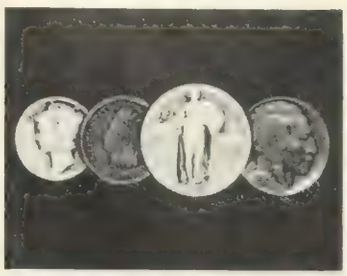
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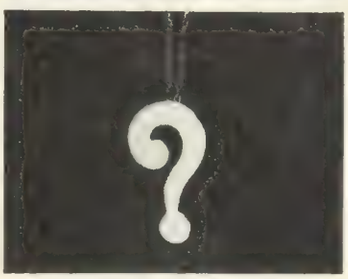
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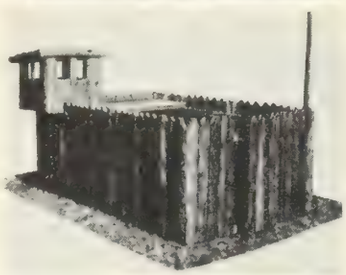
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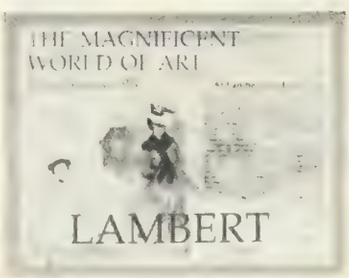
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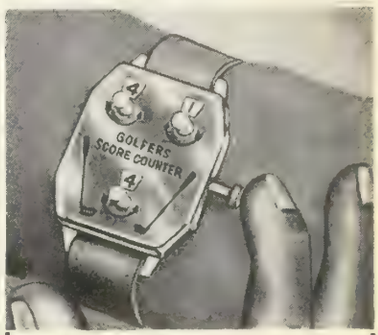
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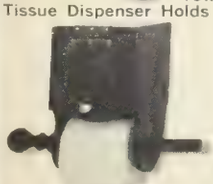


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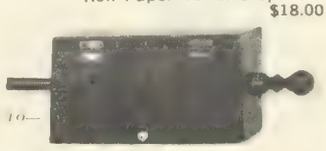


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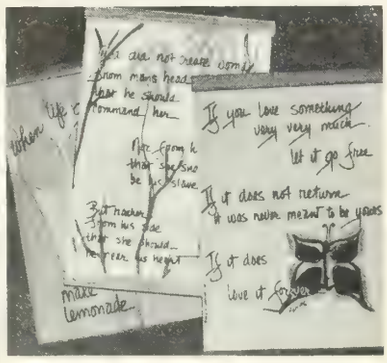
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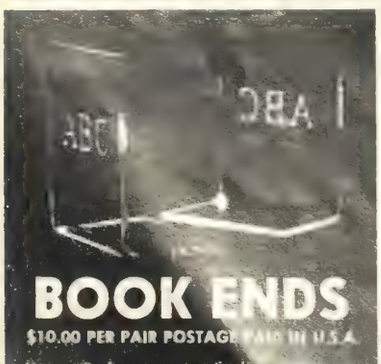
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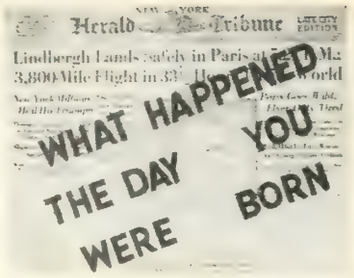
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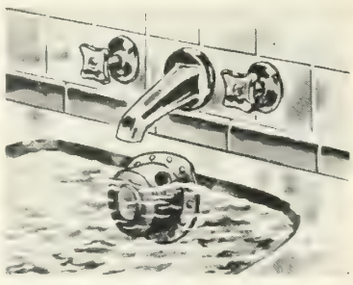
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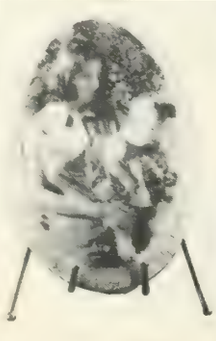
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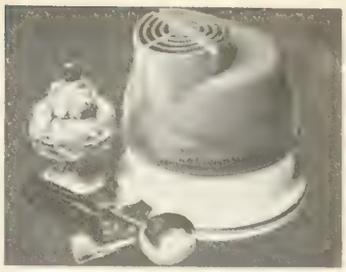
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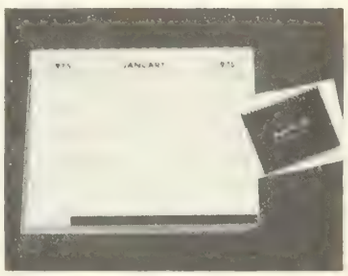
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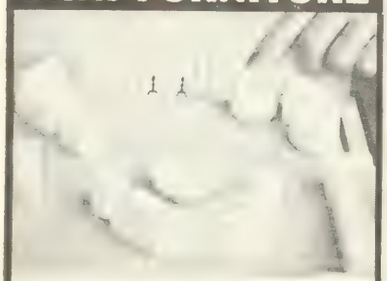
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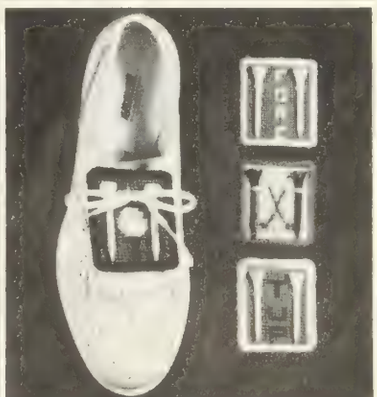
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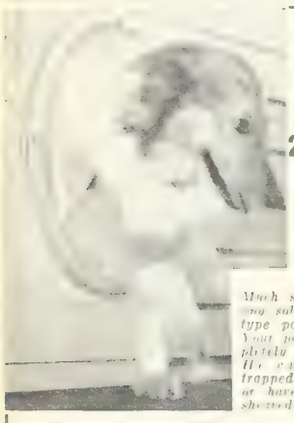
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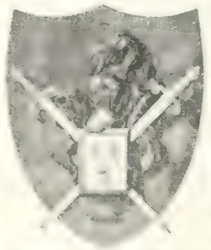
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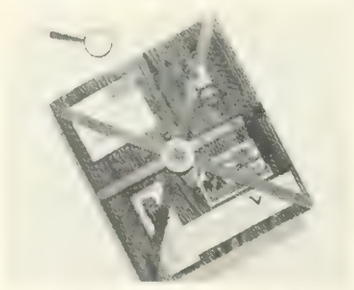
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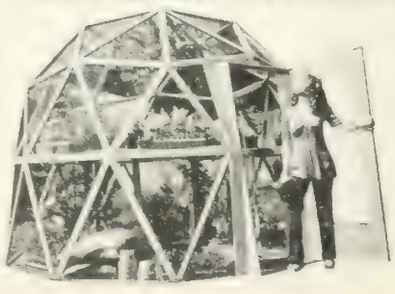


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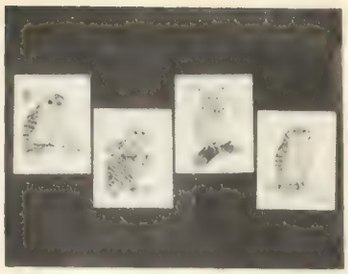
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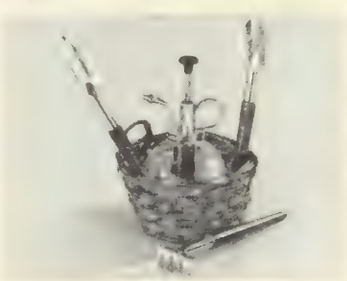
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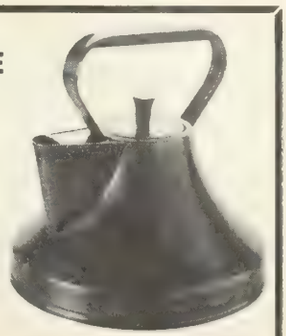
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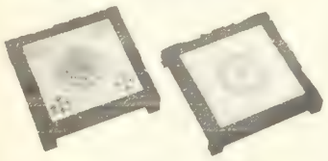
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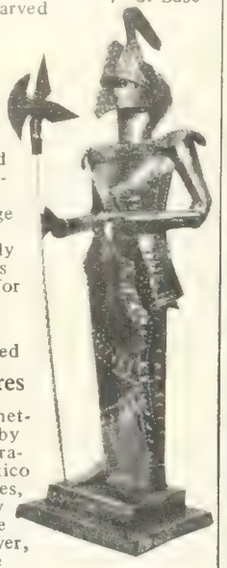


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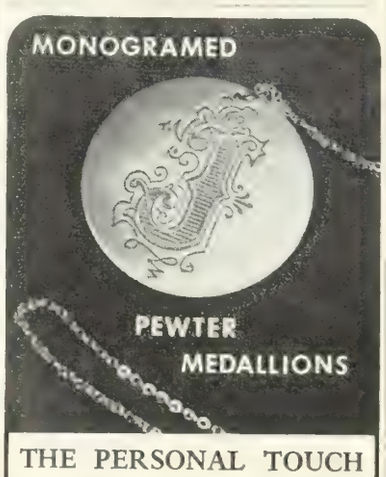


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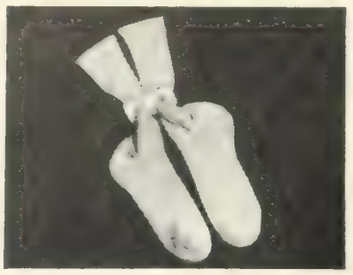
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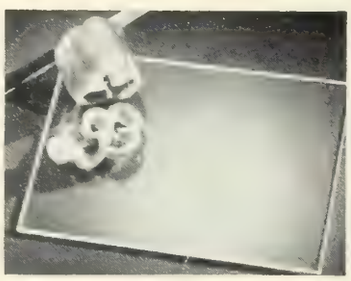
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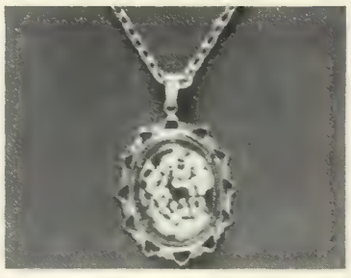
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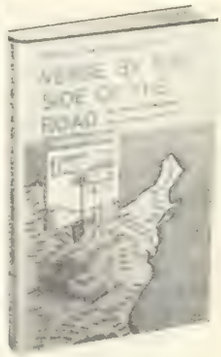
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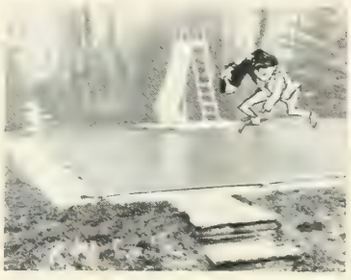
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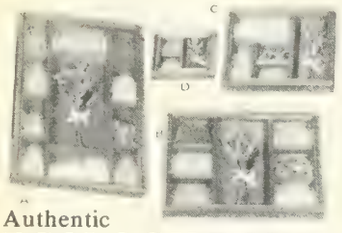


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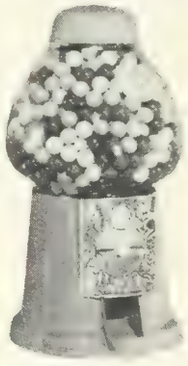
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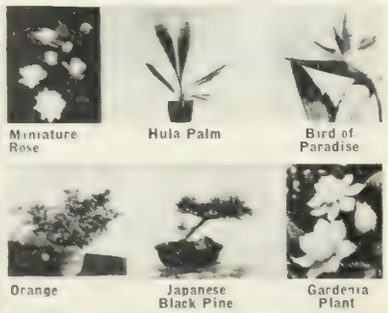


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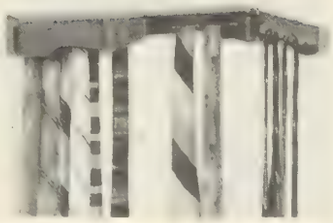
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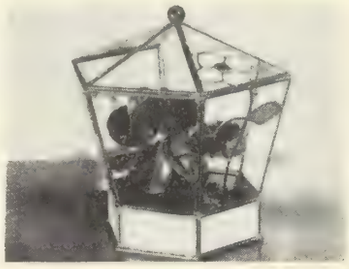
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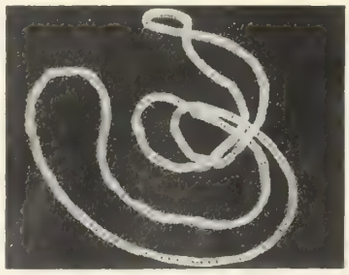
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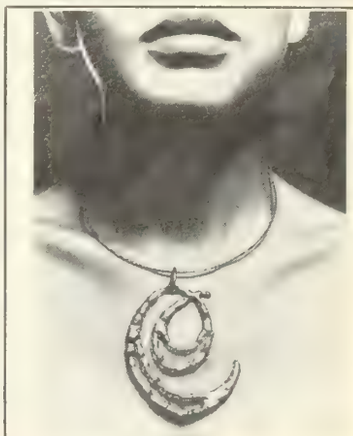
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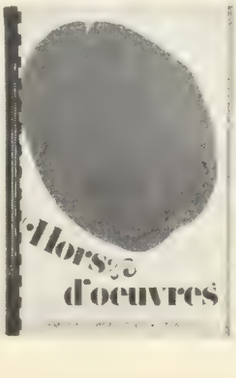
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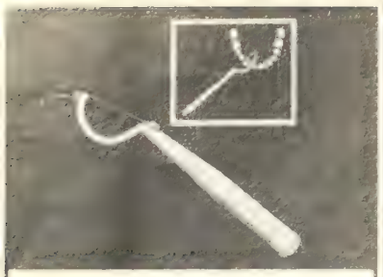
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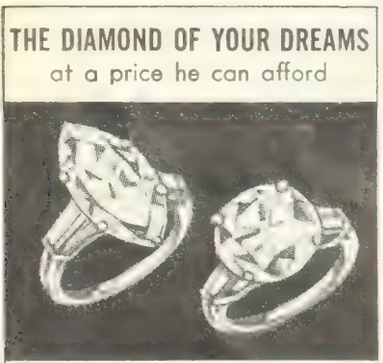
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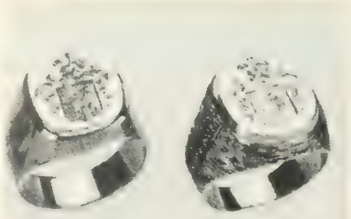
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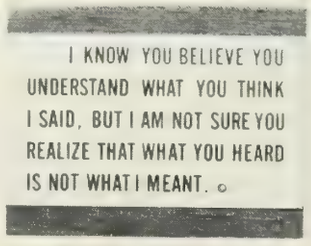
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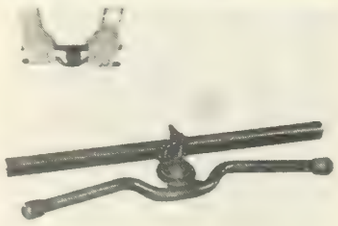
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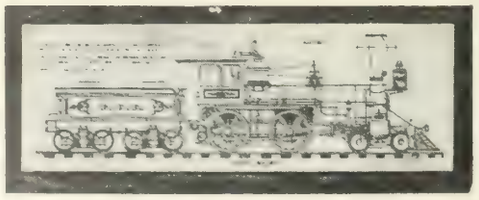
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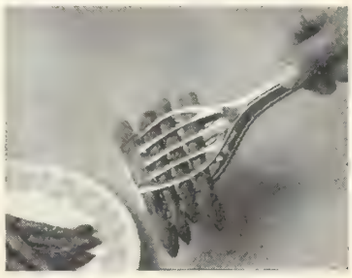
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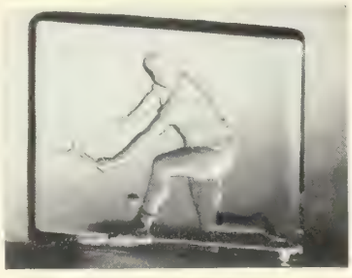
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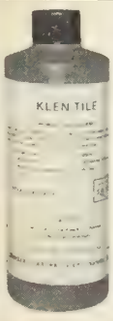
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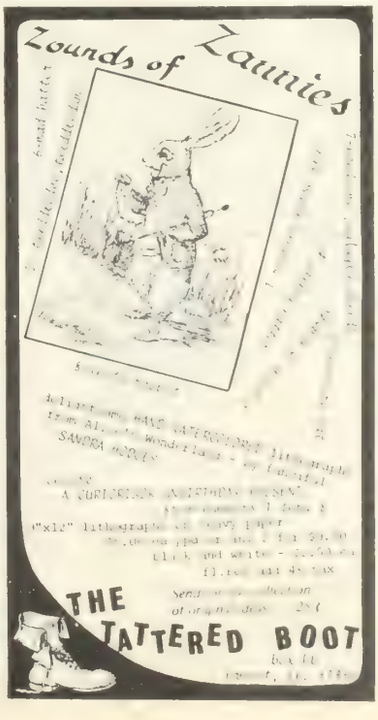


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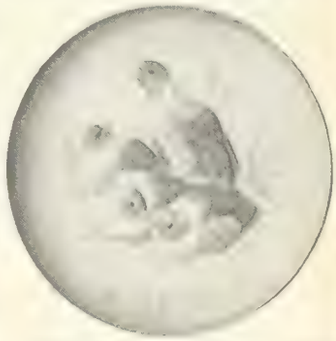
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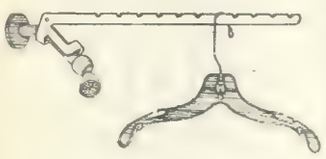
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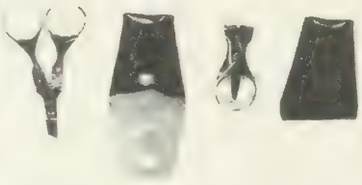
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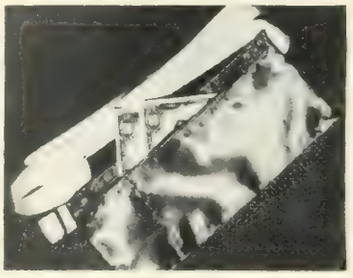
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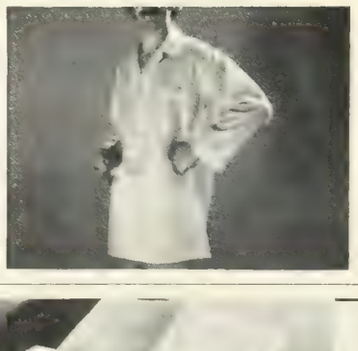
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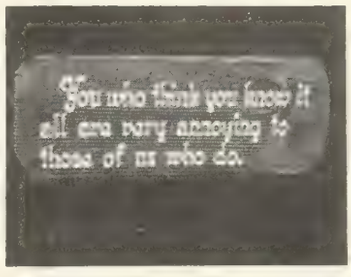
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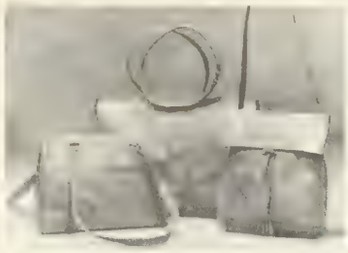
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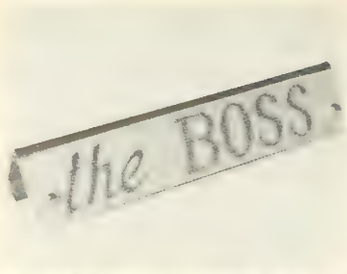


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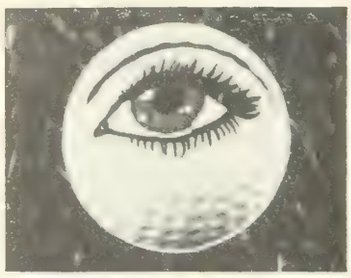
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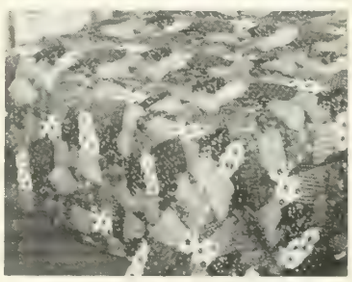
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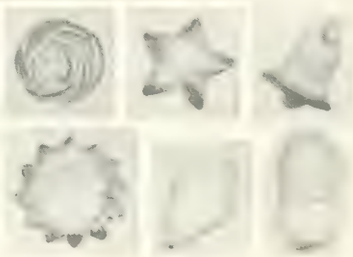


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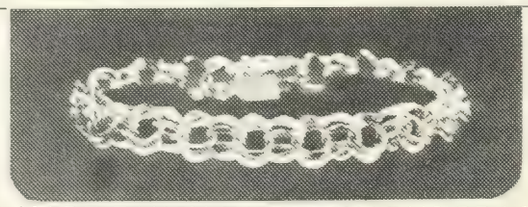
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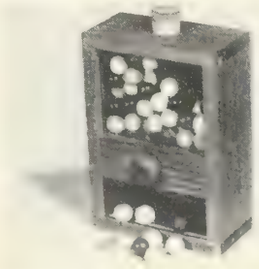


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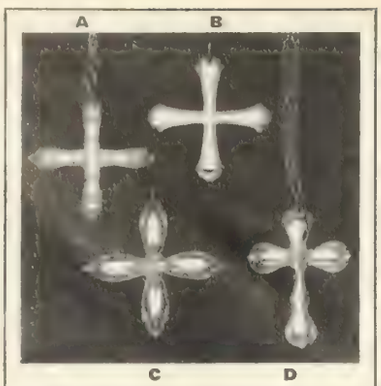


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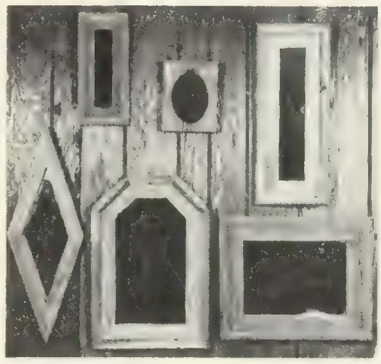


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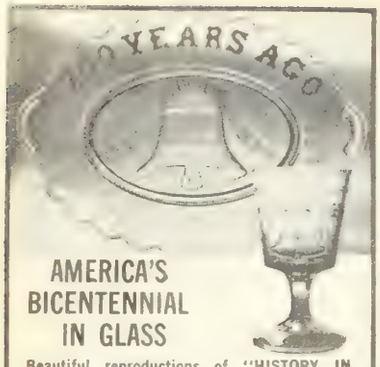
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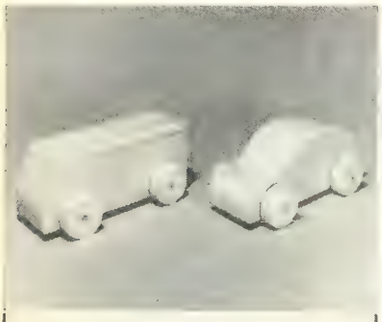


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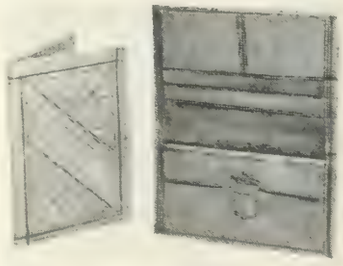
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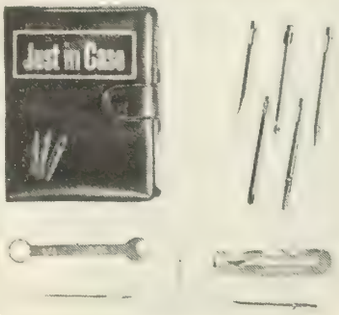
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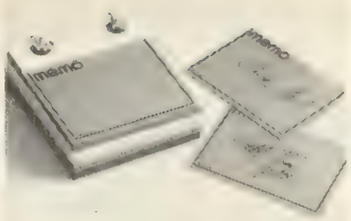


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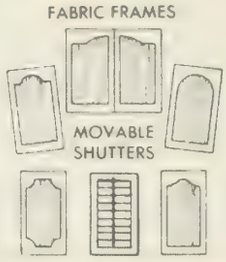
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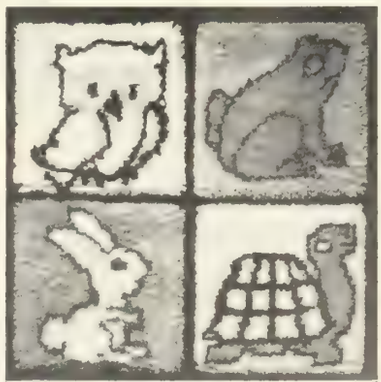


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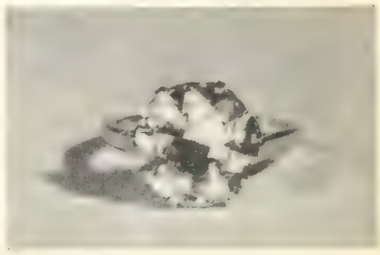


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Sofa, chair and window-seat fabrics, **Kent Bragaline.*** Blue pillow fabric, **Scalamandré Silks Inc.*** Orange pillow fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Chairs, **Ben Fiebusch Inc.*** Chinese tables and ashtrays, **Sherrill Imports Inc.*** Glass coffee table, **Great Eastern Furniture.*** Rug, **Stark Carpet Co.*** Lamps, **Asian House Inc.,** 58 W. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10019. Fireplace and mantel piece, **William Jackson Co. Inc.,** 3 E. 47th St., N.Y.C. 10017. Sculpture by Rube Goldberg, **Hammer Galleries Inc.,** 51 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Cat, **David Barrett Inc.,** 24 E. 54th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Flowers, **Robert Webb Inc.,** 900 First Ave., N.Y.C. Chest, antique. Birds from Mrs. Martin's collection.

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Den: Rug, handwoven Tibetan design, **Stark Carpet Corp.*** Ribbed cotton fabric on hassock, **Clarence House.*** Sofa custom-designed by Barnett Lewis; bronze-green linen velvet fabric, **Chambers & Son's.*** Fabric for sofa pillows and draperies, **Scalamandré Silks Inc.*** Leather arm chair, 18th-century English, **William Switzer.*** Chair pillow is hand-painted silk and English Georgian chair, **Charles Pollock Antiques Inc.,** 8478 Melrose Place, Los Angeles 90069. Wrought-iron lamp table, antique coffee table with leaded glass top and 17th-century Indian equestrian statue, **Paul Ferrante.*** Mirror, **Speirs & Paanakker Ltd.,** 8461 Melrose Place, Los Angeles 90069. Brass lamp, **Morey Palmer & Associates,** 8457 Melrose Place, Los Angeles.
Dining room: Early 18th-century French rock crystal chandelier, **F.P. Austin & Co.,** 1100 Alta Loma Rd., Los Angeles 90069. Silk brocade fabric on chairs, English Georgian antiques, **Scalamandré Silks Inc.***
Bar: Area rug, looped wool geometric, **Harmony Carpet Corp.** Cotton-twill fabric on sofa, woven wool fabric on chair, and cotton fabric on hearth seat cushions, **Clarence House.*** Coffee tables, 18th-century English campaign chests, clock, **Paul Ferrante.*** Chair, 18th-century English Tudor antique, **Bob Mitchell Designs.*** Paisley needlepoint pillow on hearth, **Bruce Halperin Studio,** 521 North LaCienega Blvd., Suite 10, Los Angeles 90048.
Living room: Handmade wool needlepoint rug in 19th-century Portuguese design, **Stark Carpet Corp.*** Louis XV reproduction chairs and Chinese porcelain lamp, **Paul Ferrante.*** Silk stripe on chairs and silk taffeta fabric on club chair, **Scalamandré Silks Inc.*** Lamp on desk, **Mark Weaver & Associates,** 9501 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90021. Carpet, **Edward Fields.***
Sitting room: Fabric on chair cushions, **& Vice Versa.*** Beds custom-designed by Barnett Lewis; quilted fabric from **Clarence House.*** Shirred fabric for bed tops and canopies, **Fortuny Inc.*** Wall mirrors, **Triepke Brothers Glass Co.,** 2637 South Fairfax, Culver City, Calif. 90230. Carousel sign, 19th-century French antique, **F.P. Austin & Co.**
Daughter's bedroom: Bed, Victorian antique, **Bruce Halperin Studio.** Velvet fabric on bed frame and fabric on day bed, **Clarence House.*** Portières, embroidered voile, from **Decorator's Walk.*** Pillows on day bed, **The Linen Tree,** 501 North Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 90048. Needlepoint on hassocks, **Brunschwig & Fils Inc.*** Rocking chair, 19th-century American. All plant materials in house, **Italian Terra Cotta Garden Center,** 8615 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90069. ■

Gifts

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electric power is a solution utilities haven't met. Blackouts and brownouts still persist. A different gift for your own family might be a new, lightweight and low-priced generator recently introduced by Homelite. Priced at around $340, the unit weighs in at only 75 pounds and provides a continuous rating of 2,250 watts, which provides more than enough for the emergency circuits in your house.

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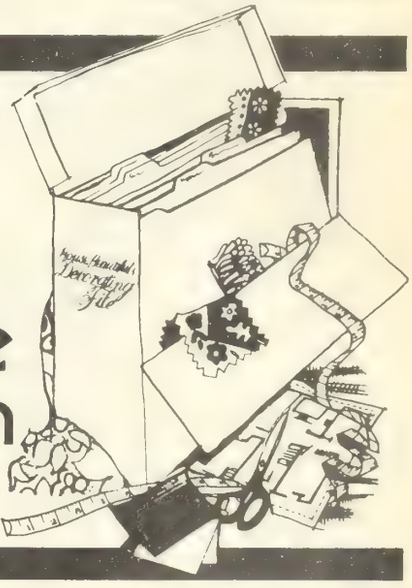
Gifting the person with a hobby is usually easy. For someone without, give them a hobby. For example, a bonsai plant, complete with how-to books and specialized tools. Those seen on page 30 came from Bonsai Plants, 120 W. 28th St., New York City. Price will vary depending on the bonsai age. ■



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The Store, operated by Bert Greene and Denis Vaughn, in Amagansett, Long Island, cooks everything it makes and sells everything it cooks. And **The Store Cookbook** (Henry Regnery Company, $7.95) by these two men, a logical consequence, is a sort of talk book in which Greene takes a chapter and gives his recipes (talking all the time) and Vaughn comes along with his—talking, too. It's personal and charming.

In the good old days—which, to this writer, seem better all the time—they used to have covered dish suppers, each member bringing her own dish to the church. The **Everybody-Bring-a-Dish Cookbook** by Theodora Zavin (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $9.95) is reminiscent of this idea, although on a considerably more sophisticated plane. Several years ago, five women who love to cook, married to five men who love to eat, formed the Eat-in Club. Members gathered monthly to share a dinner, each cooking one course, the hostess responsible for the main course. As time went on, the dinners became international and, eventually, this book. Twenty nations are represented and we recommend it as a means to better international, even national, relations.

A Culinary Collection from the Metropolitan Museum of Art ($5.95 plus $1.25 for handling, shipped anyplace in the world) is a charming book. The recipes from the trustees and staff range from bone soup to Count Nadasdy's Chocolate Cake. Handsomely designed, with illustrations from a 16th-century Italian cookbook, each spiral-bound book comes packed in a decorative box for mailing. To order, specify order code R8 and send check or money order to The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 255 Gracie Station, New York City, 10028.

A new expanded edition of **McLane's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia** and **International Angling Guide,** edited by A.J. McLane (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, $34.95 through Dec. 31; $40 thereafter) has to be, unquestionably, the most comprehensive book ever written on the subject. A Book of the Month Club selection, it has been expanded to a larger format encompassing nearly 1,200 pages with over 500 illustrations. First published in 1965, it's in the library of more than 250,000 piscatorialists.

The man who wrote **Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution, The High Calorie Way to Stay Thin Forever**, and almost started a revolution has now produced **Dr. Atkins Diet Cook Book** with Fran Gare and Helen Monica (Crown, $6.95), which emphasizes a way-of-life diet that they say is satisfying, nutritious, interesting and even luxurious. Robert C. Atkins, M.D., supervised the book's preparation and wrote the introduction. ■

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pan that is at least two inches deep. The oil must be at least 1½ inches deep. Using a thermometer, bring the oil to 350°. Place the mixture into the hot oil one tablespoonful at a time, pushing the dough out of the spoon with your fingers. Depending on the size of your pan, you can make as many as 15 to 20 puffs at the same time. Cook for eight to 10 minutes, turning the potatoes in the oil so they brown evenly all over. As soon as they are done, remove with a skimmer to a tray lined with the paper towels. Keep it warm in a 180°-200° oven while you are cooking another batch. There is enough dough to make 60 potato puffs. Sprinkle lightly with salt and serve immediately or the potatoes will lose their crispness.

Editor's Note Re: Geese

Whole, ready-to-cook geese, fresh frozen or fresh chilled, come on the market about Thanksgiving. They are magnificent young birds, raised in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, weighing from six to 14 pounds. Having once been "bitten," as it were, by a freshly killed goose that proved to be as tough as shoe leather, we resolved that henceforth, we would buy only geese whose source we could pinpoint. Your only hope of a Crachit-quality goose is to insist on knowing the source and further insist on the bird being delivered to you in its original wrappings. If it's frozen, you thaw it. See page 82 for Jacques Pépin's Christmas dinner with Roast Stuffed Goose à la Française, the pièce de résistance.

***Editor's Note: Bûche de Noel** Recipe by Jacques Pépin was published in our December, 1971, issue. Additional copies can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to House Beautiful Chef, Dept. 956B, House Beautiful, 717 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.* ■

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